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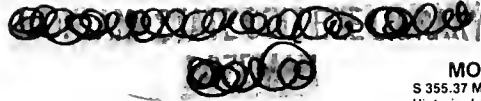
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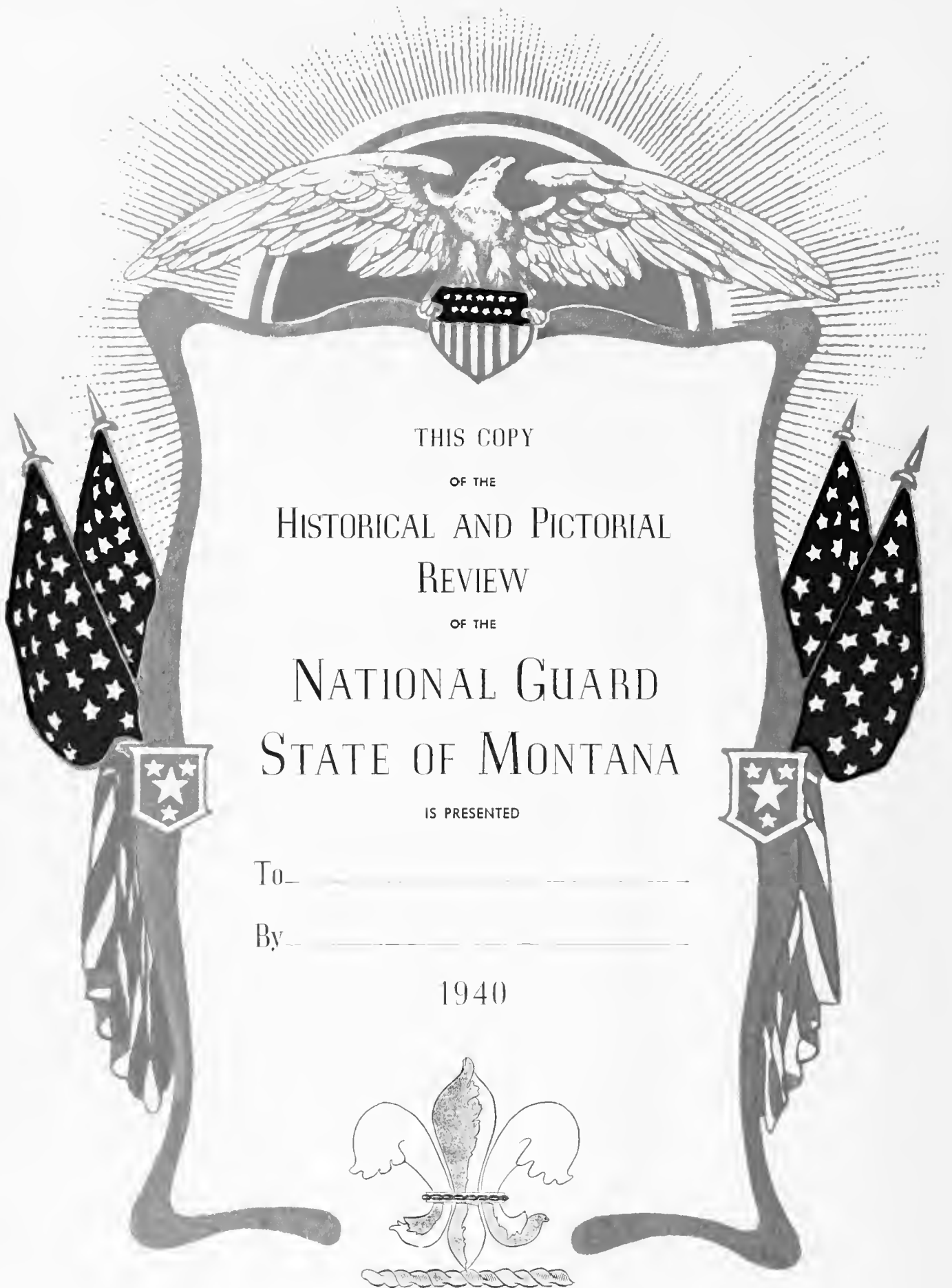
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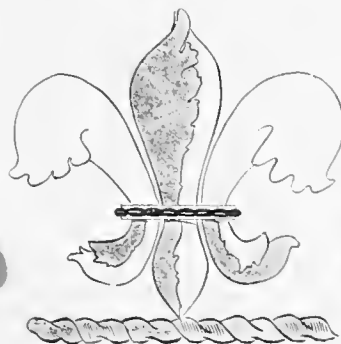
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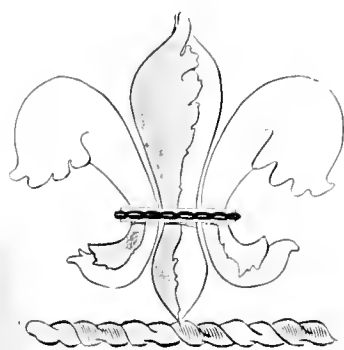
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ROY E. AYERS  
GOVERNOR

October 21, 1940

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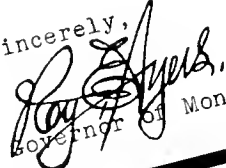
To the officers and members of the Montana National Guard:

It is indeed a pleasure to me to have heard and to now hear the many complimentary remarks of citizens who have made some inquiry and observations, and by that are prepared to give us experienced judgments concerning the high standing and efficiency of the Montana National Guard. This high degree of efficiency and training stands as a tribute to the officers and men who have during long stretches of peace-time made the patriotic sacrifices necessary to keep the Guard well trained and equipped. National Guard members have at times had to stand the ridicule of thoughtless citizens.

Having had the pleasure of inspecting our National Guard, I want to take this opportunity of congratulating our officers and men on their high standing, and their thorough training, and especially their sincere and patriotic devotion and allegiance to our country and the principles for which it stands.

If ever there were a time in history when our people had reasons to think of our National Guard and look inquisitively into the personnel, equipment and training of this great unit of defense, it certainly is at this period while so much of the world is embroiled in war, disputes and hatreds.

I extend to each and every member of the MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD my heartiest congratulations and most sincere thanks for your services to our state and nation.

Sincerely,  
  
Governor of Montana.

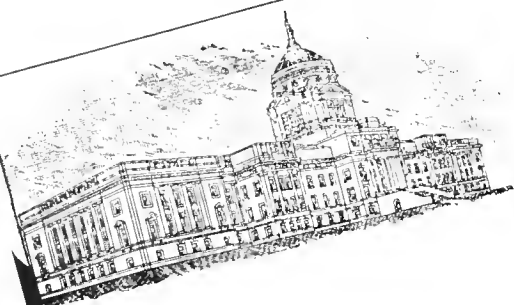


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## ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

HELENA, MONTANA  
October 21, 1940

### GREETINGS:

To the personnel, officers and enlisted men of the Montana National Guard.

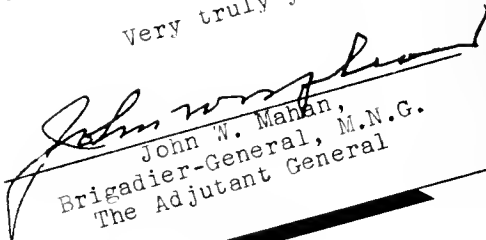
My service in the line with your regiment has been as an enlisted man, as private, corporal, sergeant, and first sergeant. It has been my lot to have eaten your food, and to have walked your "posts". Naturally, all of this was many years ago.

In my judgment, there is not a regiment of infantry in the United States today which has a better personnel both commissioned and non-commissioned. With a few months in the field and with the intensive training following induction, unquestionably the 163rd Infantry will be at the top in rating of efficiency in the United States in either the regular Army or National Guard. I believe this too of the units of the 116th Quarter Master Corps and the 116th Medical Regiment which are in identically the same category as the 163rd Infantry.

I hope that this book will reflect the spirit of those who have been affiliated with the Military Department in the State of Montana in the National Guard at different times since its inception. We have always made and will continue to make in our ranks enduring friendships among comrades of the Guard.

In the years to come this book will be our most treasured possession. It will revive pleasant memories of days gone by. It will be the means of furnishing to you and to me a few moments of pleasure. It will be a reflection on our work as military men in the defense of our country. Certainly it is worthwhile and I trust appreciated by all.

Very truly yours,

  
John W. Mahan,  
Brigadier-General, M.N.G.  
The Adjutant General

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Enlisted in Company A, Second Montana Infantry, April 21, 1913. Entered Federal service with that company, June 19 to November 3, 1916, at Douglas, Arizona, for Mexican Border duty. During Border service was promoted to Sergeant by Colonel "Dynamite" Dan J. Donahue. Saw Federal service during World War, March 26, 1917, to July 16, 1919. Promoted to First Sergeant, same company, while in the A. E. F. in France, by Colonel John J. McGuinness.

While serving in France was attached to various units, including short period with the famous Ninth Infantry, Second Division. Attended the Second Officers Training School, April, May and June, 1918, at Langres, France. Honorably discharged from a casual company, Post Hospital, Fort Logan, Colorado, July 16, 1919. Because of record made in the officers training school in France, commissioned from First Sergeant to Captain, April 17, 1926, Staff Specialist Officers Reserve Corps; transferred to Judge Advocate General's Department, Montana National Guard, July 2, 1930. Promoted to Major, same department, April 4, 1933 (a recognition which he still holds). Commissioned by Governor Roy E. Ayers as Brigadier General, Montana National Guard, February 15, 1937, and appointed Adjutant General of Montana, which position he still holds.

JOHN W. MAHAN

BRIGADIER GENERAL

MONTANA NATIONAL  
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THE

*Adjutant General*



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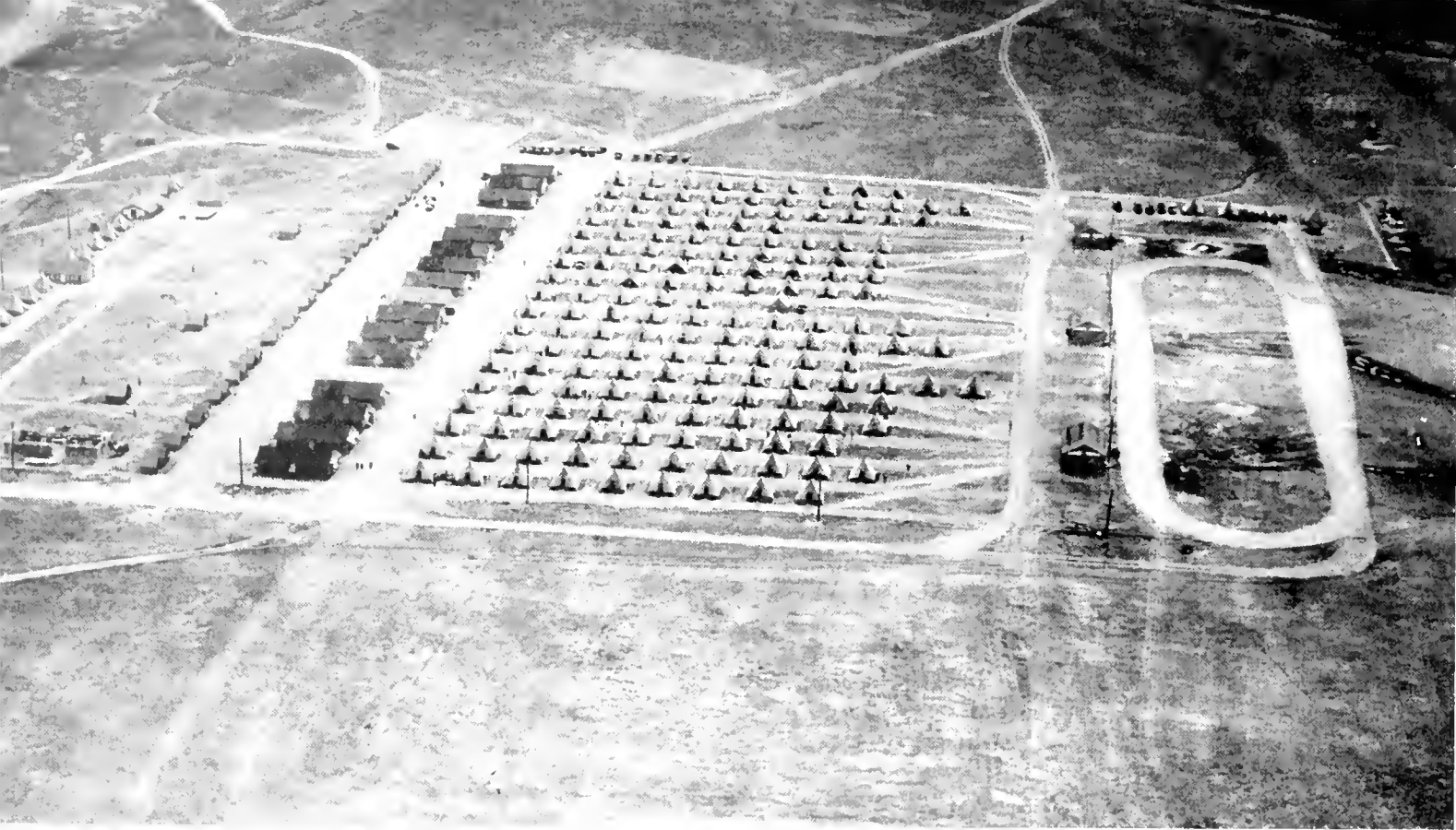
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Sergeant Max H. Torbert, Sergeant Instructor



Mrs. Catherine Hancock, Stenographer



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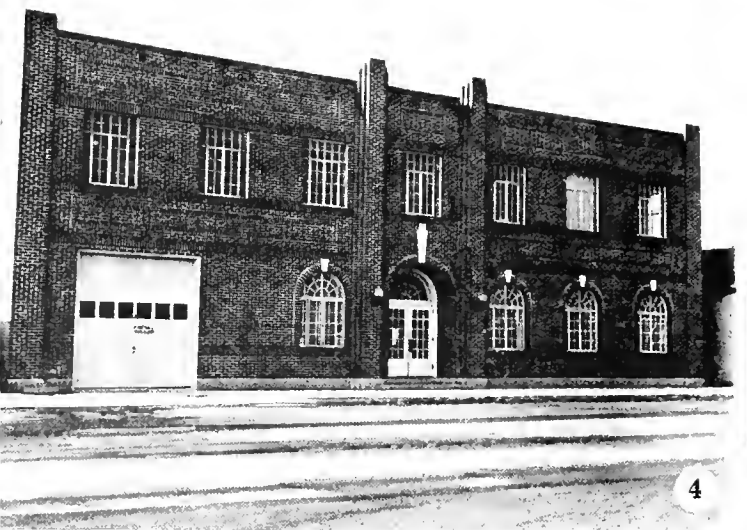
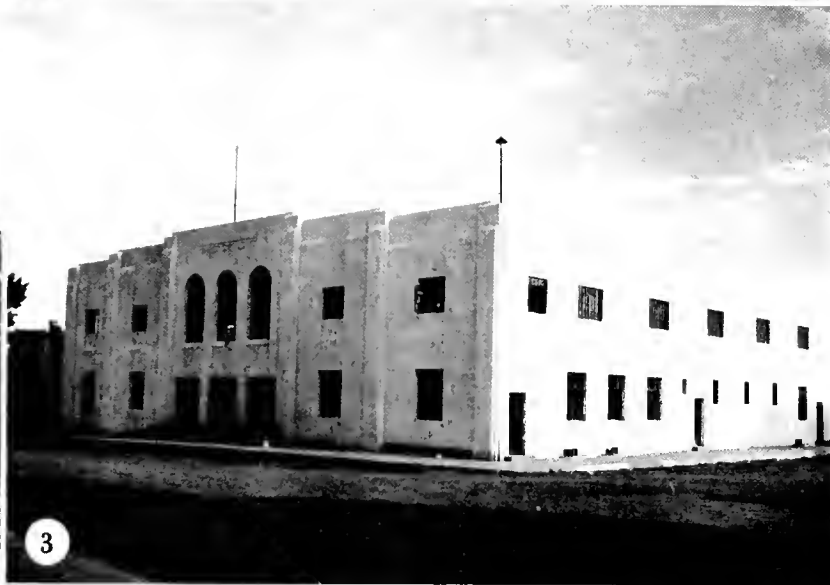
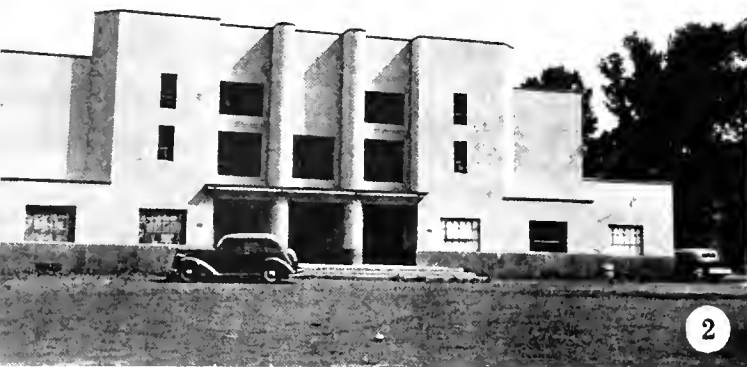
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Lieutenant, Vice-President



CLINTON E. PRUNER  
Captain, Secretary-Treasurer

# NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA

## *Excerpts of the Constitution and By-Laws*

We, the commissioned officers of the National Guard of Montana hereby associate ourselves together in an organization for the purpose of defending the free institutions of the United States of America by promoting in an organized way, military efficiency in the National Guard within the jurisdiction of this Association, and by cooperating with organizations and individuals tending to support the program of National Defense now in force and effect, as adopted by Congress.

### *Article II*

The jurisdiction of this Association shall be the territorial limits of the State of Montana.

### *Article III*

The purpose of this Association shall be for the members to work collectively in supporting the Constitution of the United States of America and perpetuating its objects and aims; to support the policy of adequate National Defense; to promote at all times military preparedness as outlined in the National Defense Act; to work toward the end of

making the National Guard of Montana and the United States and all military and naval organizations as nearly efficient as possible; to strive and work for adequate Federal appropriations for the support of the National Guard and to strive and work for State appropriations in the State of Montana commensurate with the importance of the Montana National Guard, and to properly support the same under the National Defense Act and to cooperate as a group in all of the above efforts, which heretofore have been supported by the members as individuals.

### **By-Laws**

Section I. The dues of the National Guard Association of Montana shall be \$12.00 per year per member. The Executive Committee of said Association may assess the respective members from time to time in addition to the dues, as herein specified, if the money sought to be collected by said assessment is to be expended for the general welfare of the Association. The dues shall be collected by the United States Property and Disbursing Officer from each

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CHARLES R. DAWLEY  
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# HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD

From the days when the magic cry of "Gold!" echoed across Montana's mountain fastness until the present—through the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War, the Mexican uprising and the World War—the voluntary armed forces of the Treasure State have played an all-important role in the protection of life and property of residents of Montana.

These men who have answered duty's call to shoulder arms have never put self first. Always first in their minds has been the welfare of their Nation and of their State and through their courage and their loyalty has been woven the proud heritage which belongs today to the Montana National Guard.

## INDIAN UPRISINGS

The repeated depredations of the Indians in the Territory of Montana from 1862 until 1867 led to the formation of the first militia force in this State for the protection of life and property. Acting Governor Thomas Francis Meagher granted, on February 6, 1866, the first certificate of commission to a Montana militia-

man. That commission went to C. D. J. Curtis, who became a Captain in the Second Regiment of the Territorial Volunteers, organized to fight against the Indians who roamed throughout Western Montana where the first prospectors and miners were trying to establish themselves. Martin Beem was the first Adjutant General and Inspector General of the Volunteers and his first order was written April 4, 1867, at Virginia City. On April 26, the commission of Brigadier General was issued to Captain Curtis and he was given command of the First Military District of Montana.

The murder of J. M. Bozeman by Indians in the Gallatin Valley April 22, 1867, and another murder on the Fort Benton Road finally aroused Montana's slender population to the boiling point, and Governor Meagher issued a proclamation calling for volunteers to begin the dangerous task of putting down the Indian uprisings. Lewis and Clark County (then Edgerton) was called upon for 300 men and Deer Lodge County for 100. Virginia City sent one company of 50 cavalry troops and another of 25 special scouts. The Helena com-

pany, known as Company A, left May 19, 1867, for the Gallatin Valley under command of Captain Lyons and a week later Brigadier General Curtis moved his troops toward Bozeman.

Early in May, 1867, Governor Meagher appealed to the War Department for permission to muster in 800 citizens as a Territorial Battalion, a requisition which was granted conditionally. Under this order the work of preparation was carried forward rapidly and a Military Department organized.

While these first units were successful in their endeavors against the Indians, depredations on the part of the redmen kept breaking out in other parts of the State and it was obvious that a larger force was necessary to cope with the problem. Governor Smith, in General Order No. 1 issued in July, 1867, asked all men then in the field to enlist for a second short term, and called upon the people to fill a larger quota for additional service.

Four months of active skirmishing with the Indians and the warfare appeared to be over—with the Volunteers well in command of the situation. On October 2, 1867, the troops were returned to Helena and mustered out.

Ten years later, however, an even more urgent and dangerous task confronted the men of Montana who were willing to risk their lives for the protection of their Territory. Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce tribe in Idaho decided to make one last desperate battle against the whites and United States troops were sent to quell the disturbance. Faced either with surrender or a desperate attempt to march eastward through Montana and eventually reach Canada, Chief Joseph decided upon the latter move and on July 20, 1877, struck into the Bitter Root Valley in Western Montana.

With his arrival in the Territory of Montana begins one of the most thrilling chapters of early military history in the Treasure State. It was up to volunteer soldiers, many of them inexperienced, most of them poorly armed, to stave off the attack of one of the greatest military generals ever produced by an Indian nation. That they were not entirely successful is not to their discredit. It must be considered, rather, that they were dealing with one of the great military strategists of North America and one whose cunning and daring have elicited nothing but praise from army men who have studied Chief Joseph's record.

On the day that the news of Joseph's arrival in the Bitter Root was received a company of 60 men was

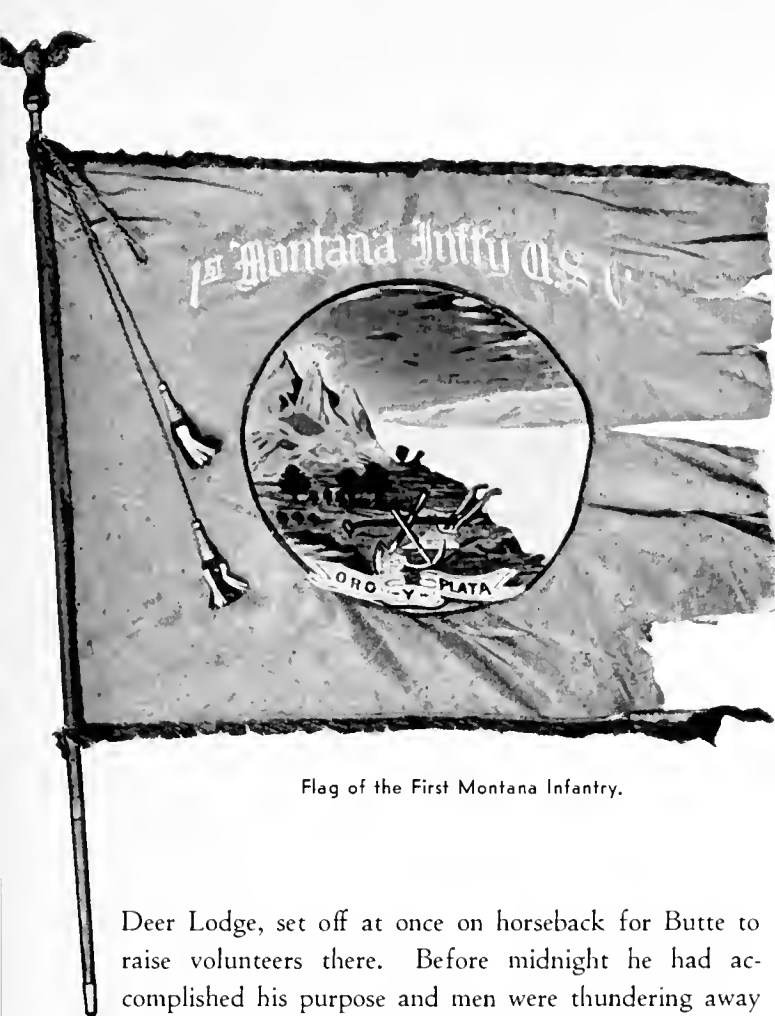
organized at Butte, and arms were sent by Governor Potts and other state officials for distribution to volunteers at Deer Lodge and Missoula. At little mining centers everywhere in Western Montana—at Deer Lodge, Phillipsburg, Beartown, Pioneer City, Silver Bow, Flint Creek, Glendale, Georgetown, Dry Gulch, and others—soldiers young and old poured forth, prepared to assist neighboring settlements and to defend their own. W. A. Clark organized a command out of Deer Lodge and on July 31 Governor Potts asked authority of the War Department to raise an army of 300 men for 30 days, a request which was refused. The information available to the War Department at that time stated that General Sheridan had made dispositions to meet the Indians and subdue them.

Chief Joseph with his generals—White Bird and Looking Glass—pushed down into the Lolo Canyon with about 330 troops and Captain Rawn of the Seventh Infantry, with a few volunteers, entrenched himself against them. Captain Rawn, acting under Federal orders to treat all Indians coming in from Idaho as hostiles, placed himself squarely across what was considered the Indians' sole trail into Montana and sent word to the Nez Perce to dismount, disarm or fight. White Bird sent back word he would come into and go through Montana.

Late in July Governor Potts visited Captain Rawn's entrenchments four miles up Lolo Canyon and only 17 miles from Missoula. By July 27 there were 200 men in the rifle pits, most of them volunteers and Flat-head Indians who had guaranteed to help the white men. Governor Potts visited the rifle pits that day and was told by Captain Rawn that he believed he had enough men to hold the canyon but that he feared Chief Joseph might elect to break north over the low, rolling hills toward Missoula and Frenchtown. He asked the Governor to return to Missoula and organize all the volunteers he could to prevent that result. The Governor issued a proclamation for more volunteers at once and the next 24 hours brought out some of the Territory's most turbulent war-time spirit. Men were frantic for guns, horses and equipment and as quickly as they could secure essential fighting weapons set off for Missoula.

On July 31 Governor Potts appointed the following staff officers: R. H. Mason, Chief of Ordnance; Peter Valiton, Chief Quartermaster; S. E. Larabee, Chief Commissary, and A. H. Mitchell, Surgeon General.

W. A. Clark, when news of the proclamation reached



Flag of the First Montana Infantry.

Deer Lodge, set off at once on horseback for Butte to raise volunteers there. Before midnight he had accomplished his purpose and men were thundering away from the mines of the "Richest Hill on Earth" to aid the troops at Lolo Canyon. The settlers, aroused by the steady hoof-beats along the hard roads, opened their windows and gazed with awe and alarm at the midnight cavalcade galloping swiftly down the valley. This company was armed and equipped by seven o'clock the following morning (Sunday), and while this first organization was being perfected messengers were sent to all the centers of population around Butte for more volunteers. In an incredibly short space of time a War Council was in session. In an hour Company A was sworn in; Company B began its organization and completed it within three hours and Company C was sworn in before midnight—all resulting in giving a fighting corps of 150 men to the cause of Montana's defense. By nine o'clock Sunday morning these volunteer units were furnished with 53 breech and 100 muzzle-loading rifles and were actually on the march for Missoula. One company of 32 men marched 95 miles in 25½ hours.

Fast as these volunteers moved toward Missoula, however, the wily Chief Joseph moved faster. As predicted, he marched northward, then turned suddenly and re-entered the Lolo Canyon, thus outflanking Rawn's forces with a crescent movement. The *Helena Independent*, in commenting on Chief Joseph's spectacular tactics, said:

"They (the Indians) moved with all their stock and families as unconcerned and indifferent to the circumstances as though on an ordinary journey into the buffalo country. . . . In view of all the circumstances it was the boldest, most fearless, audacious and confident tactical movement we have known. It surpassed McClellan's flank movement from the Chickahominy to James' River, or Grant's from the Rapidan to Richmond. . . . Joseph moved his entire possessions of effects and families between the forces of Rawn and those at Missoula, within gunshot of the former, crossed his line of communication, camped almost upon the trail and with unparalleled intrepidity on open ground in the face of superior numbers and in the enemy's country."

When the Indian tactics were reported at Missoula, a messenger was sent to Deer Lodge with instructions to bring up re-enforcements, when the Deer Lodge volunteers, 32 in number, were dispatched to hold the bridge and ford across the Bitter Root on the Missoula Road, and open the line of communication with the rifle pits. The volunteers met no resistance as the Nez Perces had turned up the valley toward open country so Captain Rawn sent a mounted company after the subtle hostiles and promised to support the company with his entire command as far as the mouth of the canyon. The company obeyed orders but on approaching the Indians, Chief Looking Glass stepped forward and in an apologetic manner assured the volunteers that unless attacked, neither person nor property in Montana would suffer at the hands of the Nez Perce. Turning to the Bitter Root men he offered them a way through his camp to their homes and, there being no alternative, this offer was accepted. Meantime, some men from Phillipsburg had actually passed through the heart of the Nez Perce tribe without knowledge of them being the Indians they had been sent to annihilate!

When the Indians' escape from the troops and volunteers was realized, all efforts were directed to cutting them off at the Big Hole in Southern Montana. Governor Potts ordered the Deer Lodge company to make an intercepting movement there. A few days later the Butte contingent joined those from Deer Lodge and on August 9, 1877, engaged Chief Joseph in battle.

The first dispatch from that battle follows:

"To Governor Potts: Had a hard fight with the Nez Perces, killing a number and losing a number of officers and men. We need a doctor and everything. Send us such relief as you can.

"JOHN GIBBON, Colonel Commanding."

A second and third dispatch followed—the third announcing the deaths of Captain Logan and Lieutenant Bradley and the wounding of Colonel Gibbon.

W. H. Edwards, who arrived at Deer Lodge from the Big Hole battlefield on the morning of August 11, reported Colonel Gibbon's command consisted of 17 officers, 133 regulars and 32 citizen volunteers. The fighting strength of the Indians was approximately 330.

After the Big Hole battle the Indians marched between the Hole-in-the-Rock and Camas Creek stations and down the Lemhi Valley, skirmishing all the way with Federal troops, finally falling before General Miles' attack north of the Bear Paw Mountains on September 30. Chief Joseph surrendered October 5, 1879, probably without realizing that he had come within a few miles of his objective of the Canadian border and that he had carried out one of the greatest military campaigns this country had seen.

The volunteers who served against the Nez Perce in 1877 and who were recognized by the War Department as belonging to the Montana Militia of that year were declared to be entitled to pay for their services and on authority from the Assistant Adjutant General, Colonel Gibbons presided over a court of claims at Helena where he certified that 442 volunteers were entitled to a total payment of \$6,879.

## STATE MILITIA

The action of these volunteer companies against the Indians had laid the groundwork for the formation of a State Militia and on March 10, 1887, the organization of the Montana National Guard was effected under a Territorial Legislative Act entitled "An Act to Organize and Regulate the Militia Approved March 10, 1887."

C. W. Turner was named Adjutant General at that time and in his biennial report written December 1, 1888, he says:

*"I found upon my acceptance of the office a lively disposition in several parts of the Territory to organize companies of 'regularly enlisted, organized and uniformed active militia' beyond the appropriations made by the United States for arms and equipment, and also beyond the ability of the Territory to maintain such militia to the extent which the disposition had developed. Organizations were therefore necessarily limited to proper bounds; and while the companies now constituting the National Guard are not yet fully armed and equipped and require considerable military material to*

*bring them up to a standard to fit them for active service, still a great deal has been accomplished to put them on an effective footing. They are all uniformed at individual expense and maintain armories in which they keep their arms and company property and meet for drill, the expense of which is defrayed, in part at least, from the annual appropriation made by the legislature to each company. The infantry and cavalry companies are armed, respectively, with rifles and carbines of the patterns now issued to the army, but some of the infantry companies have neither cartridge boxes nor belts of such patterns and the cavalry are without accoutrements, sabres, pistols, saddles or bridles except such sabres as they have procured at individual expense. The apportionment to Montana under the Act of Congress of February 1, 1887, for the purchase of arms, ordnance, stores, quartermaster's stores and camp-equipage for issue to the militia amounts to the sum of \$2,764.98 annually, and by virtue of the authority contained in that Act, is to be expended for such purposes, under the direction of the Secretary of War, only to arm and equip the 'regularly enlisted, organized and uniformed active militia' under such regulations, as to such militia in the Territories as the President may prescribe."*

Members of the General Staff in 1887 were: Brigadier General W. C. Turner, Helena, Adjutant General; Brigadier General C. W. Hoffman, Bozeman, Quartermaster General; Brigadier General C. S. Warren, Butte, Commissary General; Brigadier General J. A. Browne, Glendale, Inspector General; Brigadier General C. P. Hough, Butte, Surgeon General; Colonel C. D. Curtis, Helena (Mustering Official), Aide de Camp to the Governor; Colonel James Sullivan, Helena, Mustering Officer; Colonel R. S. Douglas, Helena, Assistant Inspector General; and Major Harry L. Luke, Helena, Chief of Ordnance.

The companies were: Company B (Emmett Guard), Butte; Company C (Meagher Guard), Helena; Company D, Virginia City; Company E, Dillon; Company F (Montana Rifles), Butte; Company G (Washington Guard), Butte; and Company H (Webb Guard), Billings. There were two troops of unattached cavalry, Troop A of Helena and Troop B of Bozeman, and an unattached artillery outfit, Battery A of Helena.

Total strength of the Guard unit was 47 officers and 543 enlisted men.

The first Annual Encampment of the National Guard, held August 21, 1888, at the Fair Grounds in Helena, was far different than the encampments of

today. The camp lasted only three days and while Adjutant General Turner reported there was plenty of spirit and an enthusiasm on the part of the men, he adds: "But the weather was too hot to exercise the troops in company and battalion drill, and there were neither ammunition nor targets for rifle practice."

The camp was made possible by the citizens of Helena who contributed to a fund sufficient to purchase tents and other necessary articles of camp equipment. The contributions altogether amounted to about \$1,400 and tents were made by a Helena tent manufacturer at a cost of about \$1.50 less than they could have been obtained anywhere else. One complaint made of that first encampment by the Adjutant General was:

*"The restaurant privileges at the Fair Grounds having been let by the Fair Association to Messrs. Rogers and Richter, I contracted with them to supply the men cooked food during their stay in camp. They failed to provide sufficient facilities to properly supply the troops, for which reason there was some dissatisfaction and complaint on the part of a few companies. Other arrangements would have been made to ration the troops, but the law does not authorize the purchase of any quartermaster's stores, and the fund contributed by the citizens of Helena was not sufficient to buy cooking utensils in addition to the tents and other quartermaster's stores which were purchased."*

The largest representation of men in that first camp came from Company D of Virginia City which sent 39 enlisted men. These men were moved more than 100 miles by wagon transportation.

Adjutant General Turner had numerous recommendations to make after that first encampment had ended. Among them were the following:

*"The period of the Annual Encampment should be at least one week; authority should be given to the proper officers to employ at least two company cooks for each company, and labor in the transportation of the stores required in camp to and from the same, so that the public property may be carefully preserved; the encampment should be at a later season, and should be on ground suitable for military instruction, and convenient to wood and running water; the Territory should provide an arsenal at the State of Government for the storage of all military material; the organization of the National Guard should be similar in every particular with that of the Army, and the rank of officers should correspond with the rank of officers of like grade in the Regular Service; regimental officers should be elected*

*by company officers; the Adjutant General should be authorized to issue commissions to all officers by direction of the Governor; officers and men should be made amenable to court martial for offenses strictly military, and the enlisted men of the National Guard as well as officers should be required to attend the annual encampments. Authority should also be given the Governor to disband and disarm all irregular military or semi-military organizations assuming to be militia, and to muster out and disarm any regular organization for misconduct, or for failure within a specified period to keep its organization up to the minimum in numbers, standard or discipline required by law."*

## CIVIL DUTY

But the turbulent future did not prove to be one in which the many changes and recommendations planned could be carried out. Two years later Montana was to become a state and sweeping changes in the law were due. It was a period, that one of new Statehood, of slow development and growth, a period in which the State felt its way along slowly and somewhat less attention was paid to the National Guard than was healthy for that organization.

Lack of funds made it impossible to hold encampments at a regular period and after 1889 they were given up for several years. In 1892 a target competition with all companies participating was organized and was won by Company H of Bozeman with a score of 358. Company D of Virginia City was second with 357 and Company G of Butte was third with 350.

In 1893 Colonel H. C. Kessler began a series of schools for commissioned and non-commissioned men and National Guard enthusiasm increased as it was believed it might be possible to hold an encampment that year. But that year as well brought the business depression of '93 and in the spring the State lost \$7,000 in funds tied up in closed banks. Money for the encampment could not be secured and early in the summer Adjutant General C. F. Lloyd was forced to announce that once more the camp period would have to be called off.

But suddenly there was plenty of other activity, activity which kept the members of the National Guard of Montana "on their toes" although it brought resultant financial distress to the Guard budget.

The financial disturbances of 1893 were breeding unrest and discontent throughout the nation and Coxey's army of the unemployed began its historic

march. Three transcontinental railroads pierced Montana and it was feared that disturbances might come here. And so the Militia of the State, while not called into active service in the field, was necessarily assembled daily at drill stations in the respective armories. The men were ready to respond to any call that the emergency might produce. Response on the part of the enlisted men was prompt and complete and all orders issued were promptly complied with.

Only once during that period was a National Guard company called into the field for active service. That came on July 4 when it became necessary to order the First Battalion and First Regiment, under command of Colonel H. C. Kessler, into Butte to assist the civil authorities in suppressing riot. This was the first time since Montana had become a state that the services of the National Guard had been needed in active duty in the field. The service was creditably and efficiently performed and the First Battalion, on that occasion, merited and received the applause and good opinion of all classes of citizens.

But the National Guard budget suffered considerably. The Coxey trouble had cost \$5,634.70 and the riot duty expense amounted to \$1,750.40 so that the Guard appropriation, at the end of the year, showed a deficiency of \$4,476.19.

The work of the Guard, however, had made a deep impression upon the public during that period and in 1894 the public saw to it that the men were able to have their encampment. The old military grounds at Fort Ellis, near Bozeman, were used and the camp was called one of the best ever held. In 1895 and 1896 the troops returned to Fort Ellis for drill and there was general rejoicing among the officers over the success of the 1896 encampment. They pointed out that so high had been the morale of troops that for the first time since the field encampments were held it was not necessary to imprison anyone in the guard house!

## SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

And then, just when it seemed that the National Guard was getting a new lease on life in Montana and was headed for some of its most advantageous years, a new cloud appeared on distant horizons, a cloud that was to engulf the military forces of the United States and sweep the men of Montana to foreign soil and into actual battle.

The Spanish-American War was becoming an actu-

ality and on April 23, 1898, the President of the United States issued a call for troops.

Adjutant General Charles F. English writes a brief and dispassionate account of what happened then. He said in his report to the Governor:

"This state was required to furnish one regiment of infantry, consisting of 12 companies, and one squadron of four types of cavalry. There being only 10 companies of infantry in our regiment at this time, two additional companies of volunteers were organized at Helena and under the following general order were brought up to standard:

"On May 4, under G. O. No. 7, the organization of the First Infantry, National Guard of Montana, is so changed that it will be made up of three battalions of four companies, each company to be made up of not to exceed three officers and 81 enlisted men. The cavalry was also increased by two troops, one from Butte and one from Missoula.

"The regiment of infantry under command of Colonel Henry C. Kessler, was mustered into the United States service May 9, 1898, with 50 officers and 988 enlisted men. On May 24 an order was received from the War Department directing the First Regiment to proceed to San Francisco, California. On May 25 they were on their way and arrived at Camp Merritt, attached to the Eighth Army Corps.

"The squadron of cavalry, consisting of 337 officers and men, under Lieutenant Colonel Charles F. Lloyd and attached to Colonel Grigsby's command, were sent to Chickamauga Park, Georgia, where they remained until September 28, 1898, at which date they were mustered out of service."

So much for the routine report which makes no mention of some of the hardships and discomforts which the Montana men underwent, nor of the service which they saw.

On April 28, 1898, Colonel Kessler ordered the men to report for duty at their several armories throughout the state and a week later, on May 4, the various companies began arriving in Helena. First to arrive was Company D from Virginia City, which was mustered in May 6 and by May 9 the mustering in of all units had been completed. On the same day Colonel Kessler formally took command of the regiment and appointed Lieutenants Ben E. Calkins and Alford Seadorf Adjutant and Quartermaster, respectively.

The first camp at Helena, called "Robert B. Smith" in honor of the Governor, was located not far from

the Broadwater Hotel and was not well situated. During the first few days, while the weather was warm, everything ran smoothly. But then came a late spring snow storm and the camp, as the snow melted, took on the semblance of a duck pond. It was impossible for the men to keep dry or warm and colds were riot.

Finally it was necessary to move the whole camp up on higher and drier ground closer to town and there the men were fairly comfortable. Some discomfort was caused, however, because of improper clothing. The Government made no issues of anything except blankets until the regiment reached San Francisco and the only company which was completely uniformed was the Great Falls unit. There were several outfits which had no uniforms at all. Rifles, too, were scarce and only about half of the men were armed with Springfields.

Arriving in San Francisco May 28, the Montana men ran into something else that was new to them—sand fleas. Tents were pitched in the bottomless sands of San Francisco and straw was provided, but after a few days, for sanitary reasons, the men did away with

the straw. But they had more difficulty in doing away with the sand fleas.

The Montana outfit trained at San Francisco for nearly two months, moving out on July 19 and anchoring at last on August 24 at Cavite, in the Philippine Islands—there to find out that the Spaniards had surrendered at Manila on August 13 and that the war, to all intents and purposes, was over. Gloom settled over the Montana regiment because, as the men put it, they had traveled all that distance to fight and they hated to go back without having seen action—but they didn't have to worry about that. The war was over, but the insurrection of the natives wasn't, and it was along this line—quelling the insurrection—that the Montana regiment was called into duty.

Following a little more than a month's inactivity at Cavite, the regiment was called into duty at Manila October 24, 1898. On December 24, 1898, the Montanans were assigned a place in the line of defenses of Manila and it was there that the Montana men were under fire for the first time. They beat off, on Feb-

The 163rd Infantry participating in athletics at Camp Erickson, 1925.



ruary 4, 1899, a Filipino attack on Manila and for the next five months were in the field almost without relief, battling the Filipinos and aiding in quelling the insurrection. In those campaigns the Montana men stamped themselves as real soldiers and real fighting men, afraid of nothing and ready at any and all times to do their duty.

Late in July, 1899, the situation had been taken care of and it was obvious that the regiment would, within a short time, be homeward bound.

On August 18, 1899, Major General Arthur V. MacArthur, commanding the Second Division, Eighth Army Corps, sent the following communication to Colonel Kessler:

" . . . My staff joins me in sending cordial greetings and God-speed to the commanding officers, officers, and enlisted men of the First Montana Infantry. We all join in the hope that all members of the regiment may realize their most sanguine expectations upon arrival home, as they have certainly earned a right to the gratitude of their State and Nation by their brilliant and faithful services in the Philippines."

On August 23 the troop ships sailed out of the harbor and the men of the First Montana Infantry had their last look at the land of palm and bamboo where they had spent exactly one year of their lives in their country's service.

They arrived back in San Francisco and landed September 25, there to be met by officials of the State of Montana, who told them that when they returned to the Treasure State they would find a reception awaiting them the like of which they had seldom seen.

The mustering out procedure was set for October 17 and of the enlisted men originally enrolled, 277 had been discharged for various reasons—sickness or to re-enlist in new regiments and engage in civil pursuits in the Philippines; 21 had been killed or had died of wounds; 13 had died of disease and one had drowned. The total number of wounded in battle was 121.

On October 19 the men climbed onto a troop train in San Francisco and turned their faces once more back to Montana and to peace.

## POST-WAR REORGANIZATION

The end of the Spanish-American War, however, brought new difficulties to the Montana National Guard and once more the long process of rebuilding had to be undertaken.

In 1900, after the war was over and the troops had been mustered out, there were only 60 officers and enlisted men left and the Guard was almost entirely lacking in supplies and equipment. Naturally there had been no encampment in 1897, 1898, 1899 and there was none in 1900 nor in 1901 or 1902. National Guard interest was at a new low level but it was not to remain that way long. Under the active leadership of Adjutant General Shirley Ashby and later under Adjutant General Phil Greenan, who had established an enviable record in the Spanish-American War, the Montana unit was built up toward what its former strength had been.

In 1910 the Montana National Guard went to American Lake, Washington, for its encampment and this was an important factor in building interest. The Montana outfit carried with it that year 53 officers and 532 men. Such a record of rebuilding in 10 years is phenomenal.

In 1910, too, the Guardsmen were called into active duty for the first time since the Spanish-American War, but they weren't called upon to shoulder any arms, only picks and shovels and fire-fighting equipment. It was a dry year, that year of 1910, and dangerous forest fires ripped across the tinder-dry timber lands of Western Montana. The National Guard was appealed to for aid and five companies responded. The men of these companies proved they were just as adept at the hard, hot work of fighting fire as they were the more dangerous task of fighting the enemy, and for their work that season the Guardsmen earned the undying gratitude of the people of Western Montana.

In 1911 the Montana National Guard encamped at Fort William Henry Harrison, scene of many an encampment since, and later that year a rifle team was sent back to Camp Perry.

In 1912, under Adjutant General Greenan, one of the most important and beneficial steps taken in behalf of the Guard came when Montana passed an enabling act placing the Montana National Guard under Federal supervision and with the Federal Government paying a portion of the expenses. Under terms of the Dick Act of the National Congress, National Guard companies were required to hold 24 armory drills per year and to submit to Regular Army inspection annually. Montana's inclusion under this act did much to strengthen and tighten the organization and to put the Montana National Guard on the soundest basis it had ever been.



In times of emergency the Montana National Guard has been called on to do many things. Here, two of its members level by gunfire a smokestack damaged by the 1935 earthquake. Two men had previously been killed here. The bricks were so loose no other means could be used for razing the structure.

And it was well that a powerful National Guard organization was in existence for it wasn't long until the State was calling upon it for service once more. Labor dissatisfaction was rife in Butte in 1914 and the possibility of riots and other disturbances was feared. Anarchy, it was feared, had Silver Bow County in its grip, and threatened to strangle all that stood for honor and decency in the State.

Acting under instructions of Governor Samuel V. Stewart, Adjutant General Greenan called out all the companies of the regiment on the morning of August 30, and on August 31 the entire regiment was mobilized at the State Arsenal in Helena. On September 1 the regiment entrained for Butte, arriving the same evening and going into camp about 800 yards east of the present site of the Montana School of Mines. Later they were quartered in the courthouse where they re-

mained until the city was ready to turn back to the civil authorities.

From the day the regiment of the Second Montana Infantry was called out until order was restored and the officers and men allowed to return to their homes, a strict discipline was enforced under the rules of martial law and justice administered without fear or favor.

Men who wanted to work were protected in their daily vocations; mines and manufacturing enterprises resumed their orderly course of business and the citizens of Butte and Silver Bow Counties again felt that their lives and property were safeguarded.

On October 2 the force of men was reduced by 180 officers and enlisted men who returned to their home stations and on October 16, 363 officers and men were sent home. On November 12, after Governor Stewart's proclamation restoring civil rule was promulgated, the last of the regiment was returned to its home stations and thus ended happily what might have been a reign of terror resulting in the loss of hundreds of lives and the destruction of millions of dollars in property. To the Second Montana Infantry the State and Nation owe a debt of gratitude for this prompt stamping out of an anarchistic condition that was a country-wide menace at that time.

## MEXICAN BORDER

Followed then for the Second Montana Infantry a year's peaceful training and armory drill while another war cloud was rearing its ugly head on the Mexican horizon. It was June 19, 1916, that it became apparent to the authorities that military protection would be necessary for American towns along the Mexican Border. As Mexican dislike toward the United States flamed there was fear everywhere of Mexican uprisings on this side of the border—and once more the Second Montana Infantry was called into service.

The Montana organization was mustered into Federal service June 30, 1916, and began training for duty on the Mexican Border July 5, 1916. Early in July the troops arrived at Douglas, Arizona, and began their duties of protecting the citizens of that city from serious uprisings.

"The best volunteer organization on the border" was the unanimous verdict of the different officers of the Regular Army who were detailed to inspect and serve with the Second Montana Infantry from the time of its arrival in Douglas until the day of its entrainment in October of the same year.

Nor was it only in the eyes of the Regular Army that the regiment stood high. The people of Douglas were loud in their praise of the discipline of its officers and the conduct of its men. As one of the leading bankers of the city put it, "A hell-roaring regiment, every man a man, with a man's faults and virtues, and not a weakling in the lot."

The regiment detrained at Douglas two days before the rainy season began and camped near the Calumet and Arizona smelter about three miles from town. The land was cleared of its heavy growth of mesquite, greasewood and cactus and the tents pitched within 24 hours. The second day a system of open drains was laid out and excavated and everything made shipshape. When, a day later, the torrential rains turned the camps of the other regiments into seas of mud, the Second Montana boys were snug and dry and able to give the other outfits the horse laugh.

Lack of lumber and other material delayed the construction and screening of mess halls, latrines, bath-houses and other necessary buildings and as a result dysentery made its appearance among the men. Owing to the prompt measures taken by the medical staff of the regiment this malady was soon stamped out with the loss of only one man, Private Kenneth Pickett of Helena. This was the only death among the officers and men until a few days before the regiment entrained, when Corporal Donald A. Smith of Valier died of a

complication of diseases following an operation for appendicitis.

The field and staff officers who were assigned to the Border in command of the Second Montana were:

Colonel Dan J. (Dynamite Dan) Donohue, Butte, Commanding Officer; Lieutenant Colonel Arthur M. Ferguson; Major John J. McGinness, Helena, commanding First Battalion; Major Charles N. Sargent, Gardiner, commanding Second Battalion; Major Jesse B. Roote, Butte, commanding Third Battalion; The Very Reverend John L. McMullen, Helena, Chaplain; Lieutenant Claude McGuinness, Helena, Adjutant, First Battalion; Lieutenant Theodore F. King, Adjutant, Second Battalion; Lieutenant David E. Baird, Adjutant, Third Battalion; Major W. C. Riddell, Chief Surgeon, and Captain Gerald W. Lansing, Supply Officer.

The campaign on the Mexican Border ended with the Second Montana Infantry mustered out of Federal service November 3, 1916, but less than a year later the outfit was to go back into Federal service once more, this time in the World War which was to bring the present 163rd Infantry into being.

## WORLD WAR I

The Second Montana Infantry was ordered into Federal service March 25, 1917, by President Wilson and mobilized immediately at Fort Harrison and during the

Montana National Guard's Camp Erickson at Helena, during camp of June 11-25, 1932. Mount Helena is in the background.



spring and early summer the troops were used largely on guard duty, guarding important railroad points and public utilities.

On July 18, 1917, the War Department designated the National Guard troops of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming to form the 41st Division and Camp Fremont, Palo Alto, California, was originally selected for the training, but that order was subsequently changed to Camp Greene, Charlotte, North Carolina.

On August 5, 1917, the designation of the Second Montana Infantry was changed to the 163rd Infantry, 41st Division—the designation which still remains today.

Colonel John J. McGuinness was the commanding officer of the regiment and the adjutant general was Phil Greenan, who continued to serve in that post throughout the war period and until January 1, 1920.

Troops of the 41st Division began moving into Camp Greene in September. One battalion from Montana was sent there for training while two were maintained in Montana for further guard duty, finally being sent on October 25, 1917, to Long Island where they joined the rest of the 41st Division. The division was completed between November 10 and November 20 and on December 7 the elements still in the United States, including the Montana men, moved to Camp Merritt in New Jersey, from there to leave for France.

On November 26 the first units of the 41st Division sailed from Hoboken for duty overseas and the Montana regiment left December 14 on the *Leviathan*—the first troops to be transported on the huge German steamer which had formerly been the *Vaterland* before its capture. The Montana elements of the 41st Division landed in Liverpool on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1917. The last elements of the 41st Division arrived February 6.

Meanwhile, on December 8, 1917, the 41st had been designated as the Replacement Division of the First Corps and between December 20, 1917, and January 17, 1918, the division moved to LaCourtine and proceeded to the St. Aignan and Noyers area, from which it forwarded about 2,800 replacements. On March 5, 1918, the 41st was redesignated as the Depot Division of the First Corps and on April 11, the division, in addition to its duties as a Depot Division, began to function as the Replacement Division for the entire American Expeditionary Forces and continued as such until early in August.

During the summer of 1918 the 163rd Infantry took part in some of the heaviest and bloodiest fighting of the World War, including action at Chateau-Thierry, in the Champagne-Marne operation and St. Mihiel, as well as the Argonne.

Following the Armistice the regiment was with the Army of Occupation in Germany until, between Janu-



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ary 24 and June 28, 1919, the division, numbering about 16,000 troops, was moved to Brest and from there back to the United States, where demobilization took place at Camp Dix. The 82nd Infantry Brigade, of which the 163rd Infantry was a part, was mustered out at Camp Dix in February, 1919.

It must be remembered that it is not possible to discuss the 163rd Infantry as a unit during the World War because, as part of a Replacement Division, the 163rd members were constantly being shoved into other outfits for service while a portion of the regiment was used, from time to time, for training other troops who were coming over.

### POST-WAR PERIOD

Following the World War the Montana National Guard, which was now known as the 163rd Infantry, found itself almost exactly in the same position as it had after the Spanish-American War. To all practical purposes there was no enlisted personnel at all and there was no equipment. So once more the task was one of building from the ground up.

It fell to Adjutant General Charles L. Sheridan, one of the most distinguished heroes of the World War, and to Colonel Erastus H. Williams, who was Colonel and commanding officer of the 163rd until his death on February 13, 1937.

At this point it is interesting to note that the 163rd Infantry, Montana National Guard, was to observe the strange parallel of having three successive Adjutants General who were members of Company A of Bozeman, Second Montana Infantry, during the Mexican Border trouble. Colonel Williams was the Captain of Company A. Colonel Sheridan was a First Lieutenant and Adjutant General John W. Mahan, who succeeded

Colonel Williams as Adjutant General upon the latter's death in 1937, was Duty Sergeant with Company A.

Adjutant General Sheridan and Colonel Williams set vigorously to work on the program of rebuilding the Montana Guard.

The National Defense Act of 1920 further bolstered the Guard by providing that the National Guard was a component part of the United States Army, providing Federal pay and placing the administration of the Guard under the Adjutant General's office. Under the National Defense Act of 1920, the State bore the cost and maintenance of armories and drill halls and storage on equipment while the Federal Government paid the troops, provided equipment and Regular Army officers as instructors.

Quickly new companies were organized. At Culbertson Company E was reorganized and was followed by F at Kalispell, G at Glasgow, H at Billings, I at Baker, K at Harlem, L at Chinook and M at Harlowton. Later Company I at Harlowton was mustered out and inducted in Great Falls.

Regimental Headquarters Company was organized at Helena and the First Battalion Headquarters Company was at Whitehall with Second Battalion Headquarters at Bainville and Third Battalion Headquarters at Willsall. Service Company was organized at Bozeman and the Howitzer Company at Livingston.

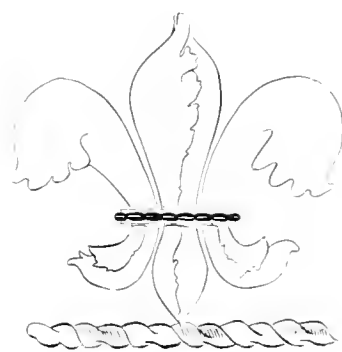
The State Staff was a slender organization in the early '20's and included only two officers and 10 enlisted men.

In 1922 the annual encampment was held at Fort Lewis and in 1923 the men went to Camp Dixon near Fort Harrison. That year the brick kitchens which are still being used were erected, each kitchen being used by two companies.

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The 163rd Infantry parading at Helena, during summer camp of 1925.





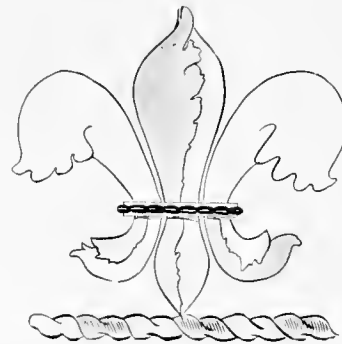
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MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD



JOHN W. MAHAN  
Brigadier General, The Adjutant General

# STATE STAFF



Although Montana has had Adjutants General and other State officers, such as State Quartermaster, State Surgeons, etc., since the latter part of the nineteenth century, there was no State Staff as such prior to the reorganization of the National Guard following the World War.

At that time, the State Staff took on a more uniform organization. Since then, it has been engaged in various studies and activities, such as the preparation of plans for state emergencies, selective service, etc.

At the present time, the State Staff is composed of the following officers, shown with their respective departments: Major Scott P. Hart, Inspector General's Department; Captains Edwin F. Bullock, Clinton E. Pruner and Spencer H. Mitchell, Finance Department; Major William G. Ferguson, Infantry, and Major Frederick A. Lange, Quartermaster Department.

Major Hart first entered military service as a private in Oregon on December 17, 1907. During the World War, he served as a Corporal, Second Lieutenant, First

Lieutenant and Captain. Following the war, he re-entered the National Guard as a Sergeant, February 28, 1922, and since then has advanced through the ranks to Major.

Major Ferguson first entered service as a Private, Air Corps, in the Federal service, on April 20, 1918. He was commissioned First Lieutenant, Infantry, April 17, 1924; Captain, December 2, 1924, and Major, October 29, 1936.

Captain Bullock served as a Private, Infantry, in Federal service from July 22 to December 18, 1918. After the war, he served as a private, corporal and sergeant, and held a First Lieutenant and Captain's commissions in the National Guard Reserves. He became a Captain, Infantry, on February 22, 1930, and was appointed to the Finance Department on October 1, 1938.

Major Lange, who first entered the National Guard on March 31, 1916, served on the Mexican Border as an enlisted man and during the World War served as a



FREDERICK A. LANGE  
Major, U. S. P. & D. O.  
Commanding State Detachment



SCOTT P. HART  
Major  
Inspector General's Department

Second Lieutenant and First Lieutenant, Coast Artillery Corps. Since the World War, he has served as both enlisted man and officer, receiving his commission as Major on February 16, 1940.

Captain Mitchell, during the World War, served as a Private, Wagoner and Corporal in the Infantry and Corps of Engineers, from January 11, 1918, to July 7, 1919. Since the war, he has served as a Private, Sergeant,

Staff Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant and Captain. He received his Captain's commission on April 1, 1938.

Captain Pruner, after serving in the ranks as a Private, Corporal and Sergeant from September 19, 1924, to September 30, 1930, received his commission as a Second Lieutenant, Infantry, October 1, 1930. He was commissioned Captain, February 17, 1934.

WILLIAM G. FERGUSON  
Major  
Adjutant General's Department



FRED BULLOCK  
Captain  
Finance Department



CLINTON E. PRUNER  
Captain  
Finance Department





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FIRST ROW: L. M. Jensen, K. M. Kepner, Jr., W. A. Korizek, J. R. Walsh, H. W. Thode, J. I. Cooling.

SECOND ROW: L. C. Stevenson, Jr., R. F. Miller, W. P. Sherman, F. L. Finnegan, L. A. Rhein, L. W. Kain, J. B. Lombard, Jr.

THIRD ROW: M. P. Dagenais, L. L. Mueller, R. F. Mathews, W. G. Jass, W. J. Wirth, R. M. Wells, G. D. Phillips.

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICER

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FREDERICK A. LANG

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*Staff Sergeant*

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# STATE DETACHMENT

HELENA, MONTANA

Non-Commissioned Officers



State Detachment at Work





CLARENCE H. OLSON  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Ordnance Officer



LOU E. BRETZKE  
Major, G-3



FORREST W. WERTS  
Captain, Chaplain



EDWARD N. RITCHEY  
First Lieutenant  
Headquarters Staff

## 4 1 S T D I V I S I O N

(Montana Allotment)

The 41st Division Staff was Federally recognized March 21, 1925, with an allocation to the State of Montana of the following: Division Ordnance Officer, one officer of the G-3 Section, a Chaplain and one Lieutenant of the Adjutant General's Department as postal officer.

Lieutenant Colonel L. A. Foot was appointed Division Ordnance Officer and served until July, 1939, when he was transferred to the inactive list. He was succeeded November 25, 1939, by Major C. H. Olson, who had served with the G-3 Section since 1931. Major Lou E.

Bretzke, former commander of the Second Battalion, 163rd Infantry, succeeded Major Olson in the G-3 Section.

Captain William Pippy, former Chaplain of the 163rd Infantry, was assigned to the staff as Chaplain and served until his retirement, in 1933. Captain Forrest W. Wertz was appointed in 1938 from the Officers' Reserve Corps to fill the vacancy created by Captain Pippy's resignation.

Lieutenant Freeman was assigned to the staff as postal officer and served until 1932, when he resigned and Lieutenant Edward N. Ritchey was assigned to the staff. Lieutenant Ritchey resigned July 1, 1940.

## 8 1 S T B R I G A D E

(Montana Allotment)

Montana is allocated two officers on the 81st Brigade Staff.

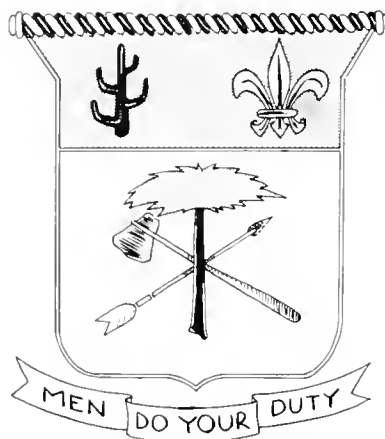
One is Captain Alfred E. Garber, who was transferred from Company M, 163rd Infantry, September 30, 1938. He was assigned to the staff as supply officer.

Until June 24, 1940, Lieutenant Laurence A. Walker was on the staff in capacity of Aide. He has been transferred to the inactive list and assigned to Company A, 163rd Infantry, and for the time being, a vacancy exists on the 81st Brigade Staff.



ALFRED E. GARBER  
Captain  
Supply Officer

# 163RD INFANTRY



The 163rd Infantry, now in Federal service as a part of the 41st Division, has been continuously in existence as an Infantry regiment in and out of Federal service since 1894—about the time the First Montana Infantry was organized.

It was first designated the First Montana Volunteers, who went into Federal service and served during the Philippine Insurrection. After the insurrection, the regiment was mustered out and reorganized by the same officers and men. It was redesignated the Second Montana Infantry.

In the years following its organization, the Second Infantry underwent several changes, with some units being disbanded, re-recognized and reinforced by other units; but it continued its service to both state and nation and was ready for the call to arms in 1916.

When the disturbances on the Mexican Border necessitated the calling out of troops for Federal service, the Second Infantry was mustered in for Border duty on June 28, 1916. After being mobilized at their home stations, the units were sent to Douglas, Arizona, where they underwent intensive training and performed guard duty. The regiment, however, did not see active combat service and was returned home and mustered out of Federal service November 3, 1916.

The 163rd Infantry actually came into being on August 5, 1917, when the Second Montana Infantry, which had gallantly served in the Spanish-American War and on the Mexican Border, was redesignated as the 163rd and made a part of the 41st Division.

Under the command of Colonel John J. McGuiness the regiment was split up for World War training, one battalion being sent to Camp Greene, at Charlotte, North Carolina, and the other two battalions being sent to Long Island.

The 41st Division was completed in November, 1917, and the 163rd sailed with other components of the

division for duty overseas on December 14, landing in Liverpool on Christmas Eve, 1917.

During the summer of 1918 members of the 163rd Infantry took part in some of the heaviest and bloodiest fighting of the World War, including action at Chateau-Thierry, in the Champagne-Marne operation, St. Mihiel, and Argonne.

However, it is impossible to trace the 163rd Infantry as a unit during the World War because the 41st had been designated as a Replacement Division for the First Corps on December 8, 1917; later it was redesignated as a Depot Division, and finally began to function as a Replacement Division for the entire American Expeditionary Forces.

After the Armistice, the regiment was with the Army of Occupation in Germany, until, between January 24 and June 28, 1919, it was moved to Brest, France, along with the other components of the 41st Division.

Following the return of the 41st Division to Fort Dix, New Jersey, where it was demobilized, the 163rd Infantry found itself faced with the task of complete reorganization, which was begun and accomplished under the command of Colonel Erastus H. Williams, whose death occurred in February, 1937.

The National Defense Act of 1920 rendered great assistance to the reorganization by making the National Guard a part of the Armed Forces of the United States, providing Federal pay, equipment and Regular Army instructors.

Such was the speed of reorganization that an annual encampment was held at Fort Lewis, Washington, in 1922, and by 1924 the regiment had been built up to its full peacetime requirement of 1,200 men. Until its call in September, 1940, to Federal service, the 163rd Infantry continued to develop in proficiency.

The regiment left Montana for its year's duty at Camp Murray, Washington, with a strength of 1,700 men, under the command of Colonel E. M. Birely of Billings.



# E. M. BIRELY

## *Colonel*

Commanding 163rd Infantry

Enlisted as Private, Company K, April 5, 1905, to June 1, 1906. Enrolled in United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1906. Discharged, minor physical defects, 1907. Re-enlisted Company K, Second Infantry, Montana, December, 1907, and served until February 4, 1912. Commissioned Second Lieutenant, Infantry, February 5, 1912, and served until March 13, 1915. Commissioned Second Lieutenant, Cavalry, Montana National Guard, July 1, 1916. Federal service, same grade, August 7, 1916, to February 15, 1917. Served at Douglas, Arizona, Mexican Border duty. Transferred to Field Artillery, commissioned First Lieutenant, November 27, 1917. Attended Field Artillery School, Saumur, France, 1918. Assigned to 12th Field Artillery and served in Trovon Sector, Aisne-Marne Defensive, Aisne-

Marne Offensive, Marbache Sector, St. Mihiel Offensive, Meuse-Argonne Offensive and with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Service as officer during the World War recognized by the Silver Star Citation for distinguished and exceptional gallantry; also the French Fourragers in Croix de Guerre colors. Continued his Field Artillery class in the Officers Reserve Corps after the war. Appointed Captain, Infantry, July 1, 1927, commanding Company H, 163rd Infantry. Promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, 163rd Infantry, March 1, 1938. Made Colonel, 163rd Infantry, December 29, 1939. Went into Federal service with that rank September 16, 1940.



CHARLES F. JUMP  
Major, Regimental Surgeon



CHARLES R. DAWLEY  
Major, P. & T. O.

# Officers

## STAFF AND REGIMENTAL UNITS

163RD INFANTRY



SPENCER H. MITCHELL  
Captain, Supply Officer



NELSON STORY, III  
Captain, Adjutant  
Commanding Band Section



ROY R. STEWART  
Captain, Intelligence Officer



HAROLD SIQUELAND  
Captain, Chaplain



WILLIAM H. FREDERICKS  
Captain, Headquarters Company



FRED C. HOLMDAHL  
Captain, Service Company



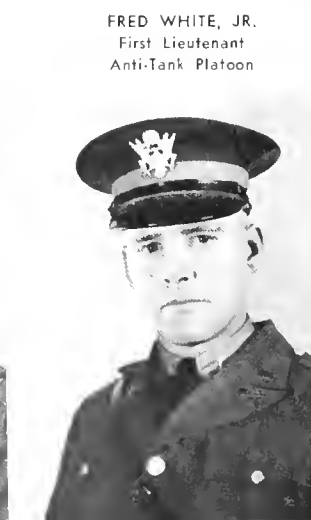
CHARLEY W. WHEAT  
Captain, Anti-Tank Platoon



LEONARD A. WING  
First Lieutenant, Service Company



ROBERT M. KENDALL  
First Lieutenant  
Service Company



FRED WHITE, JR.  
First Lieutenant  
Anti-Tank Platoon



LLOYD H. NOBLE  
First Lieutenant  
Headquarters Company



HOWARD I. NELSON  
Second Lieutenant  
Service Company



MAZEL W. VAN ORDEN  
Second Lieutenant  
Anti-Tank Platoon



# HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

163RD INFANTRY

HELENA, MONTANA



(1) Non-Commissioned Officers. (2) Telephone Battalion Section. (3) Radio Headquarters Section. (4) Lieutenant Lloyd H. Noble Riding Buffalo. (5) Intelligence Platoon. (6) Radio Section "Walkie Talkie." (7) Message Center.



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SECOND ROW: J. F. Brunett, L. J. Casey, J. C. Fay, F. L. Jawort, E. M. Olson, F. T. Olson, S. A. Annas, A. J. Namen, C. Radley.

THIRD ROW: G. E. Waterman, J. W. Sparling, R. C. Wahl, G. C. Buck, J. V. Breidenbach, H. M. Atlas, F. J. Liedle, H. W. McGuire, R. E. Goranson.

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . WILLIAM H. FREDRICKS  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . LLOYD H. NOBLE

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . JAMES E. HANCOCK  
*Technical Sergeant* . . . . . IRVIN L. STAGG  
*Technical Sergeant* . . . . . ARTHUR E. ZION  
*Staff Sergeant* . . . . . BUSTER C. BROWN  
*Staff Sergeant* . . . . . RICHARD B. CROSBY  
*Staff Sergeant* . . . . . WILLIAM J. WEISER

#### SERGEANTS

CLOUD, CHARLES M. . . . . KEIM, CHARLES J.  
DEVINE, PAUL R. . . . . MAGILL, EMMETT M.  
FOLSOM, JACK L. . . . . WEISER, JOHN T.

#### CORPORALS

BARNES, MAYNARD M. . . . . POSPYHALA, LEONARD A.  
CASEY, GERALD J. . . . . MAGILL, JOSEPH R.  
FALL, VICTOR H. . . . . RYDQUIST, ROY W.  
KEIM, CHARLES R. . . . . SWANSON, NORMAN J.  
LINDERMAN, CHARLES R. . . . . WARREN, GILBERT V.  
WEST, FREDRICK E.

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

ALM, GEORGE K. . . . . HEINITZ, RAYMOND F.  
BREIDENBACH, JAMES V. . . . . KILMER, JOHN R.  
BUCK, GORDON C. . . . . NAEGELE, FRED W.  
CASEY, ROBERT E. . . . . RADLEY, CLIFFORD  
DES CHAMPS, ELZEARD J. . . . . ROBERTSON, MONTE L.  
DOWD, JOHN J. . . . . RISK, THERON K.  
FAY, JAMES C. . . . . THOMPSON, DONALD P.  
GRESH, GEORGE E. . . . . WAHL, ROY C.  
HAUSKEN, ELMER R. . . . . WATERMAN, GEORGE E.

#### PRIVATES

ANNAS, SAM A. . . . . BREIDENBACH, FRANCIS J.  
ATLAS, HARRY M. . . . . BROCKLEY, WILLIAM R.  
BOSWELL, THOMAS C. . . . . BROWN, RICHARD  
BRAUM, LOWELL H. . . . . BRUNETT, JOHN F.



# HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

163RD INFANTRY, HELENA, MONTANA

## PRIVATES

BUZZAS, CHARLES V.  
CASEY, LARRY J.  
COTTINGHAM, EDWARD J.  
DROSTEN, GEORGE O.  
DUNLAP, WILLIAM C. J.  
FAGAN, ROBERT A.  
GORANSON, RAYMOND E.  
HARNACK, WILLIAM A.  
HILDENSTAB, GEORGE L.  
JAMIESON, WILLIAM B.  
JAWORT, FREDRIC L.  
KRIEG, KESTER K.  
LEPPINK, HERMAN F.  
LIEDLE, FRANK J.  
LLOYD, GEORGE C.  
MCCOY, LEE R.  
MCGUIRE, HOWARD W.  
MANNIX, JOHN W.  
MURRAY, JACK R.  
MURRAY, THOMAS E.  
NAMEN, ANTHONY J.

OLSON, FRANCIS I.  
OLSON, EARL M.  
PAULSON, HAROLD A.  
PIERCE, BYRON P.  
PLUMMER, FRED A.  
POWERS, JAMES A.  
RAUSER, JACK J.  
RAYMOND, WALTER E.  
REED, DONALD M.  
REED, JACK L.  
ROBERTS, WILLIAM E.  
RICE, DAVID P.  
SCOTT, DONALD C.  
SLACK, PAUL L.  
SPARLING, JAMES W.  
STRUBE, JAMES E.  
SURBER, KENNETH L.  
WAGNER, JOSEPH P.  
WIEDEMAN, FRED E.  
WINTERS, DONALD E.  
WOOD, RICHARD C.

## FACTUAL HISTORY

Regimental Headquarters Company, 163rd Infantry, was first organized after the World War, in Helena, as the First Battalion Headquarters Company, under the command of First Lieutenant William G. Ferguson and Second Lieutenant C. R. Clarke. Reorganized twice during 1924, the company became what it is today, changing stations with the Whitehall unit, which became First Battalion Headquarters.

Commanders of the company have been Captain William G. Ferguson, Captain Fred A. Lange, Captain Roy B. Arnold and Captain C. E. Pruner. Captain William H. Fredricks is the present Commander. His junior officers are Second Lieutenant Ted Sletten, sec-

ond in command, and First Lieutenant Lloyd H. Noble, communications officer.

The company drilled for 12 years in the old state armory, which had been condemned in 1920. In 1935, when earthquakes struck Helena, the old building was demolished; and the unit moved to the basement of the Capitol, where there was a store room but no drill facilities. It now has blue prints and plans for a new armory.

Field training periods were held in Helena until 1937, when the company went to Camp Murray, Washington. Other training came during earthquake duty in Helena, 1935.

During the fall of 1939 the company gained an Anti-Tank Platoon, stationed at Livingston, in a reorganization that changed the headquarters companies of the three battalions of the 163rd Infantry into detachments. It is now Headquarters Company (Rifle).

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FIRST ROW: C. R. Linderinan, N. J. Swanson, F. F. West, C. J. Keim, M. M. Barnes, E. R. Hausken, W. A. Harnack, W. E. Roberts, V. H. Fall.

SECOND ROW: W. B. Jamieson, J. R. Murray, R. C. Wood, G. L. Hildenstab, J. F. Strube, L. A. Pospyhala, P. L. Slack, W. C. J. Dunlap, B. P. Pierce.

THIRD ROW: R. E. Casey, F. E. Wiedeman, H. A. Paulson, L. H. Braun, G. C. Lloyd, W. R. Brockley, C. V. Buzzas, K. K. Krieg, T. C. Boswell.





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SECOND ROW: E. B. Fox, W. K. Moore, P. C. Holliday, G. G. White, Jr., J. L. Reed, R. K. Boe, W. E. Royer, G. R. Naset, K. E. Reed.

THIRD ROW: H. E. Carlisle, G. M. Royer, W. A. Oakley, E. D. Lawellin, J. W. Johns, K. C. Morley, J. G. Houts, F. J. Shellenberg, W. J. Eylar.



# ANTI-TANK PLATOON

## 163RD INFANTRY, LIVINGSTON, MONTANA

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

<i>Captain</i> . . . . .	CHARLEY W. WHEAT
<i>First Lieutenant</i> . . . . .	FRED WHITE, JR.
<i>Second Lieutenant</i> . . . . .	MAZEL W. VAN ORDEN

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

##### SERGEANTS

FOX, EDGAR B.	HICKS, RUDOLPH C.
REED, KENNETH E.	

##### CORPORALS

BOE, RAY K.	LAVALLEY, JAMES L.
CARLISLE, HARRY E.	MORLEY, KENNETH C.
EYLAR, WILLIAM J.	GRAVES, CHARLES W.

##### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

BARNES, JAMES O.	REED, JAMES L.
CANTWELL, LAWRENCE H.	ROYER, GLENN M.
EMERSON, KENNETH A.	SHELLENBERG, FRED J.
SKOGSTAD, JOHN M.	

##### PRIVATES

BRAUGHTON, ROBERT H.	MOORE, WILLIAM K.
HOLLIDAY, PHILIP C.	NARDELLA, FRANK
HOUTS, JAMES G.	NASET, GEORGE R.
JENNINGS, ELMER D.	OAKLEY, WILLIAM A.
JOHNS, JOE W.	ROBINSON, JOHN
LAWELLIN, EARL D.	ROYER, WILLIAM E.
MARTZ, ROBERT M.	WHITE, GROVER G., JR.

#### FACTUAL HISTORY

The Anti-Tank Platoon, 163rd Infantry, was first organized and Federally recognized March 21, 1924, as the Howitzer Company. It was designated the Anti-Tank Platoon October 1, 1939, under the command of Second Lieutenant Fred White, Jr.

Original Commander of the unit was Captain A. L. Billings, now retired. Many of the present members of the Anti-Tank Platoon served in the former organization.

As a Howitzer Company, the unit was called in the spring of 1939 to assist the Wyoming National Guard in the capture of Earl Durand, the "Tarzan of the Tetons."



# ANTI-TANK PLATOON

*163rd Infantry*

LIVINGSTON, MONTANA



1. On Tripod Action.
2. On Wheels Action.
3. Store Room.
4. Advancing by Hand.
5. Non-Commissioned Officers.





#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: A. Johnson, W. E. Throm, H. Lessley, Jr., A. T. Keene, P. J. Krudde, W. E. Moore, P. R. Griffin, J. R. Stevens, L. G. Shriver.

SECOND ROW: J. W. Johnson, L. B. Hutton, W. R. Griffin, R. D. Tillman, W. E. Kenney, S. C. Lewis, F. D. Marsh, H. C. Funk, I. R. Weyand, W. L. Sallee.



# SERVICE COMPANY

163RD INFANTRY, BOZEMAN, MONTANA

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . FRED C. HOLMDAHL  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . ROBERT M. KENDALL  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . LEONARD A. WING  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . HOWARD I. NELSON

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Master Sergeant* . . . . . CHARLES E. FARRINGTON  
*Master Sergeant* . . . . . SIDNEY R. HOLLINGSWORTH  
*Master Sergeant* . . . . . LEWIS G. SHRIVER  
*Master Sergeant* . . . . . WILLIAM F. THROM  
*First Sergeant* . . . . . GORDON W. HERRON  
*Staff Sergeant* . . . . . JOHN C. FLEMING  
*Staff Sergeant* . . . . . ARLO T. KEENE  
*Staff Sergeant* . . . . . HAROLD LUTES

#### SERGEANTS

BENNINGTON, KENNETH O. . . . . KRUDDE, PETER J.  
 JOHNSON, ANDERS . . . . . LUTES, JACK B.  
 JOHNSON, ANTON . . . . . TILLMAN, THOMAS F.

#### CORPORALS

HERRON, LEROY L. . . . . LESSLEY, HERBERT, JR.

#### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

ANDES, WILMER C. . . . . LEWIS, STANLEY C.  
 GRIFFIN, HORACE G. . . . . LUTES, EARL  
 GRIFFIN, WILLIAM R. . . . . SALLEE, WYMAN L.  
 HAMILTON, ROBERT M. . . . . SANDBERG, EDWIN A.  
 KRAMER, OTTO T. . . . . TILLMAN, RAYMOND D.



#### PRIVATEES

BIDDISON, JAMES C.  
CHRISTENSEN, ARTHUR  
FUNK, HAROLD C.  
GRIFFIN, PAUL R.  
HAWES, ALFRED F.  
HOLEN, NORMAN E.  
HUTTON, LOWELL B.  
JOHNSON, EDWARD A.  
JOHNSON, JOHN W.  
JOHNSON, ROBERT B.  
KENNEY, WILLIAM E.  
LAY, HERBERT  
LEPPINK, HERMAN F.

LINKER, PAUL H.  
MARSH, TAYLOR D.  
MOORE, WAYNE E.  
MULLEN, THEODORE E.  
PAHNISH, OTTO F.  
ROBERTSON, JACK H.  
SKARIE, DON R.  
STEWART, DOUGLAS N.  
STEVENS, JOE R.  
WARREN, HERBERT T.  
WEYAND, IVAN R.  
WHITTAKER, VINCENT C.  
WOODLAND, GLENN E.

#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: S. R. Hollingsworth, G. W. Herron, T. F. Tillman, A. Johnson, H. Lutes, J. B. Lutes, J. C. Fleming, D. N. Stewart, J. H. Robertson.

SECOND ROW: E. Lutes, V. C. Whittaker, H. Lay, A. F. Hawes, G. E. Woodland, O. F. Pahnish, H. T. Warren, A. Christensen, T. E. Mullen, E. A. Johnson.

### FACTUAL HISTORY

Back in the days when the United States was having trouble on the Mexican Border, Montana's soldiers were known as the Militia and the regiment as the Second Montana. The Service Company, then known as the Supply Company, was organized at Douglas, Arizona, July, 1916, by details from the various companies of the regiment. A month later the company was made statutory

under the provisions of the National Defense Act.

During the World War the unit functioned as a Supply Company, but with the reorganization of the Montana National Guard after the war, it became the Service Company, 163rd Infantry, in Bozeman, October 12, 1923.

Known to live up to its name in letter and in spirit, the company is now under the command of Captain Fred C. Holmdahl, assisted by First Lieutenants Leonard A. Wing and Robert M. Kendall, Second Lieutenant Howard I. Nelson and Warrant Officer John G. Fechter.



# SERVICE COMPANY BAND

163RD INFANTRY

BOZEMAN MONTANA

1. Headquarters Section.
2. Loading for Camp.
3. Supply Section.
4. Drivers.
5. Non-Commissioned Officers.
6. Band Formation.
7. Band Formation.





*Warrant Officer* . . . . . JOHN G. FECHTER

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICER

*Captain* . . . . . NELSON STORY, III

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Technical Sergeant* . . . . . HUGH J. KERR

*Staff Sergeant* . . . . . CLAYTON FARRINGTON

#### SERGEANTS

FISHER, JOHN W.                      KERR, RICHARD L.  
NORWOOD, HAROLD H.

#### CORPORALS

BRIGGS, RICHARD H.                      COPENHAVER, JAMES L.

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

ALTMAYER, JACK A.                      KALBERG, GORDON D.  
COPENHAVER, JOE Y.                      KOCH, GARNIEL M.  
JOHNSON, CAROL A.                      McALLISTER, GEORGE A.

#### PRIVATES

BAILEY, RICHARD P.                      MULLER, WALLACE G.  
CHAUNER, EDWARD M.                      OLIVER, ROBERT B.  
FRANSHAM, ROBERT W.                      PAYNE, ROBERT L.  
JUDEVINE, WILLIAM E.                      SCHAFER, LOUIS  
MCGAUGH, WALTER T.                      THURBER, DELMONT C.  
MENZEL, HERMAN W.                      THURSTON, JAMES C.

### FACTUAL HISTORY

History of the 163rd Infantry Band reaches back to May, 1898, when the First Montana Infantry Band was organized. That early forerunner accompanied its regiment to the Philippines under the command of Band Master Harry Roberts. When not used in ceremonies, it acted as

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#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

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SECOND ROW: J. Y. Copenhaver, J. L. Copenhaver, R. B. Oliver, J. A. Altmaier, K. C. McKee, W. T. McGaugh, G. J. Hoffman, L. S. Hollier, R. H. Briggs.

THIRD ROW: J. Ferni, P. B. Hughes, A. H. Henkex, J. C. Thurston, H. J. Smith, W. E. Judevine, J. Penwell, C. V. Davis, R. D. Barnard, C. A. Johnson.



JOHN G. FECHTER  
Warrant Officer

B  
A  
N  
D

163RD INFANTRY, BOZEMAN, MONTANA



LLOYD C. ANDERSON  
Captain, D. C.



PAUL L. GREENE  
Captain, M. C.



MARK D. HOLCOMB  
First Lieutenant, Commanding

# MEDICAL DETACHMENT

163RD INFANTRY

WHITEFISH, MONTANA



1. Thomas Leg Splint.
3. Aid Station, 163rd Infantry.
5. Non-Commissioned Officers.

2. Non-Commissioned Officers.
4. Litter Drill.
6. Battalion Aid Station.



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#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Major* . . . . . CHARLES F. JUMP  
*Captain* . . . . . LLOYD C. ANDERSON, D. C.  
*Captain* . . . . . PAUL L. GREENE, M. C.  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . MARK D. HOLCOMB, Commanding

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Staff Sergeant* . . . . . ERNEST D. HILEMAN

#### SERGEANTS

BRONSON, FERDINAND F.      HALE, ARNOLD S.  
HANSON, ARNOLD M.

#### CORPORAL

SCHOOLEY, KENNETH B.

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

BONNER, THEODORE S.	KAMMERER, WILLIAM M.
DUFF, ROY M.	KRUSE, RAYMOND W.
HARRIS, LESLIE H.	MOSS, MAVER B.
KAIDING, WILLIAM A.	SILLIKER, LESLIE J.
VINING, LESTER A.	

#### PRIVATES

BLUSH, NEAL J.	LONG, DAVID W.
BOYER, REUBEN E.	MADDEN, ELDRED W.
CHILDERS, EDWARD I.	MARTIN, LESLIE A.
GABLE, WILLIAM F.	MCLAUCHLIN, GRAHAM C.
GREENE, FREDERICK E.	MORROW, DAVID S.
HINDERMAN, KARL E.	RUTHERFORD, LYLE J.
JACOBY, WILLIAM A.	TAYLOR, RALPH L.
KALUZA, JOSEPH A.	WALTERS, GERAID A.

#### FACTUAL HISTORY

The Medical Department Detachment, 163rd Infantry, was organized April 16, 1923, at Poplar, Montana, under the command of Captain C. J. Munch. Major Charles F. (Continued on page 65)

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SECOND ROW: G. C. McLauchlin, F. E. Greene, E. W. Madden, R. L. Taylor, R. M. Duff, R. E. Boyer, W. F. Gable, W. A. Jacoby.

THIRD ROW: T. S. Bonner, J. A. Kaluza, W. A. Kaiding, L. A. Martin, L. J. Silliker, N. J. Blush, L. J. Rutherford, R. W. Kruse.



# MEDICAL DETACHMENT

## 163RD INFANTRY, WHITEFISH, MONTANA



ARNOLD D. FERRIS  
Captain, Company A  
HAROLD M. LINDSTROM  
Captain, Company B



MAURICE E. HENDERSON  
Captain, Company C  
NORRIS D. LANGSTON  
Captain, Company D



ARCHIE P. POORE  
Major, Commanding



## *Officers*

# FIRST BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY



GEORGE E. PAYNE  
First Lieutenant  
Headquarters Detachment



ARTHUR I. BENTSON  
First Lieutenant, Company A



JAMES G. HELMER  
First Lieutenant, Company B



JAMES M. BUCKLAND  
First Lieutenant, Company C



PAUL G. HOLLISTER  
First Lieutenant, Company D

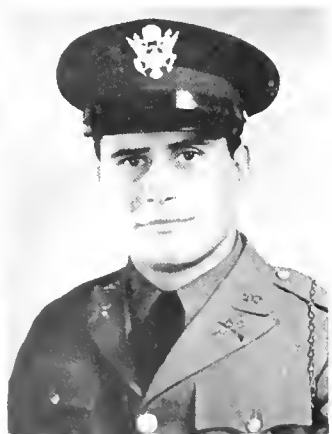
RAYMOND J. RICKETT  
Second Lieutenant, Company A

DUCAN V. DUPREE  
Second Lieutenant, Company B

EDWARD L. REAMS  
Second Lieutenant, Company C

DELMON D. PERKINS  
Second Lieutenant, Company D

WALTER R. RANKIN  
Second Lieutenant  
Commanding 81-mm Mortar Platoon  
Company D





#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

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SECOND ROW: F. A. Anderson, E. G. Alexander, F. N. Westfall, R. D. Payne.

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICER

*First Lieutenant* . . . . . GEORGE E. PAYNE

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Technical Sergeant* . . . . . ERSKINE G. ALEXANDER

*Staff Sergeant* . . . . . FRANKLIN J. YOTTER

#### SERGEANTS

PAYNE, ROBERT D. . . . . WESTFALL, FRANK N.

#### CORPORALS

ANDERSON, FRANK A. . . . . BARKELL, HENRY E.  
MANLOVE, JOHN J.

#### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

ROBERT, PAUL A.

#### PRIVATES

PAUL, WALTER H. . . . . ROWE, PAUL P.  
STENERSON, WILFRED W.

former strength into two units—11 enlisted men for the detachment, 16 for an 81-mm. Mortar Platoon as part of Company D, 163rd Infantry.

Between the time of its organization and its present designation, there were numerous changes in its officer personnel. In 1923, Second Lieutenant Ted E. Devore was promoted to First Lieutenant, and Staff Sergeant Tanger Black made Second Lieutenant. Later, when Captain Lowry was transferred to the Staff as Adjutant, Lieutenant

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## HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

FIRST BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

WHITEHALL, MONTANA

### FACTUAL HISTORY

Headquarters Detachment, First Battalion, 163rd Infantry, was first organized June 13, 1922, as Headquarters Company, First Battalion. Two redesignations in 1924 and one May 1, 1940, gave it its present status, splitting its

Message Center



Non-Commissioned Officers



Squad Wedge



# COMPANY A

## *First Battalion*

I 6 3 R D I N F A N T R Y  
S I D N E Y, M O N T A N A



### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

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SECOND ROW: F. Koch, W. S. Hart, O. N. Dean, G. Smick, D. C. Gatheld, L. I. Phelps, E. W. Baldwin, H. E. Rickett.

THIRD ROW: R. G. Williams, J. Henry, J. R. Petty, O. Eggleson, D. V. McRae, R. D. Bradley, L. A. Young, K. R. Welty, S. C. Uchyril.

### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . ARNOLD D. FERRIS  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . ARTHUR J. BENTSON  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . RAYMOND J. RICKETT

### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . NORWALD N. LUND

### SERGEANTS

ATCHISON, ROBERT	FERRIS, DOUGLAS
DASINGER, ANTON F.	HERRICK, MAURICE S.
DEAN, OSCAR N.	MICKUS, JOSEPH A.
YOUNG, LESLIE A.	

### CORPORALS

FISCHER, FRANK J.	PETTY, JOHN B.
GETTE, JOSEPH L.	RAMUS, VIRGIL M.
KANADA, VIRGIL W.	STANFORD, GLEN D.
KLOSTER, RUSH E.	WILLIAMS, ROGER G.

### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

ANDERSON, ALTON D.	HOWARD, LYNN I.
BADT, ALEXANDER B.	KNOPP, WALTER
BAILEY, EDWIN G.	KOCH, JACOB
BALDWIN, EVERETT W.	LUND, PETER N.
BELL, GEORGE J.	MCCULLOUGH, RICHARD J.
BLANCHETTE, CLAYTON J.	PASCHKE, LEWIS A.
CHRISTIANSON, K. H.	PORTER, JAMES H.
EGGLESTON, OGDEN	RANDALL, RICHARD V.
Hess, ALFRED J.	STANFORD, CLAUDE

### PRIVATE

BECKER, DALE R.	BUFFINGTON, JOSEPH P.
BECKER, LLOYD S.	BURBAGE, PETER W.
BRADLEY, ROSS D.	CLINE, PAUL L.





#### PRIVATES

CYSEWSKI, LYOL E.  
 DEAN, OLIVER S.  
 DORE, KENNETH J.  
 ELLWEIN, FREDDIE A.  
 HANSON, CHRISTIAN A.  
 FRANCIS, WARREN J.  
 GAFFIELD, DONALD C.  
 GONZALEZ, ROBERT  
 HART, WILLIAM C.  
 HART, WILLIAM S.  
 HENRY, JACK  
 HERBST, BASIL  
 HOARD, WILLIAM L., JR.  
 HOFFSTOT, ROBERT O.  
 HOWARD, HARVEY D.  
 HOWARD, LYLE E.  
 JAKIN, ROBERT S.  
 JARVIS, WILBUR J.  
 JEYNAGER, LAWRENCE R.  
 KLEIN, JOSEPH  
 KOCH, DAVID  
 KOCH, FRED  
 KRUSHEVSKY, MIKE G.  
 KUEHN, HERBERT H.  
 KUNSTMAN, DAVID

LARSEN, LEONARD  
 LARSON, JOHN E.  
 MCRAB, DONALD V.  
 MALONE, JAMES F.  
 MICKUS, GEORGE J.  
 MIELKE, F. H.  
 OLSON, EDWARD G.  
 OTTO, ANDREW F.  
 PETTERSON, CHARLES H.  
 PETTY, JAMES R.  
 PETTY, LESLIE H.  
 PETTY, WM. H.  
 PHELPS, LLOYD I.  
 REIBELN, ROBERT E.  
 RICKETT, HENRY E.  
 RIDER, LAWRENCE O.  
 RUGGLES, WALTER I.  
 SMICK, GEORGE  
 SWANBY, ARNOLD K.  
 TROLLOPE, HARRY B.  
 UCHYTIL, STANLEY C.  
 WELLY, KERMIT R.  
 WILKINSON, FORREST W.  
 WOLCOTT, HAROLD A.  
 YOCKIM, DANIEL

#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: N. N. Lund, W. H. Petty, L. I. Howard, E. G. Olson, J. Klein, R. E. Kloster, F. H. Mielke, J. A. Mickus.

SECOND ROW: F. J. Fischer, F. A. Ellwein, J. L. Gette, J. E. Larson, G. J. Mickus, A. D. Anderson, L. E. Cysewski, B. P. Herbst, W. J. Jarvis.

THIRD ROW: F. W. Wilkinson, J. Koch, C. J. Blanchette, L. R. Jevnager, H. H. Kuehn, V. M. Ramus, C. H. Petterson, C. A. Hanson, L. A. Paschke.

Present officers are Captain Arnold D. Ferris, First Lieutenant Arthur I. Bentson and Second Lieutenant Raymond J. Rickett.

It mustered into Federal service with the Second Regiment June 19, 1916, for Mexican Border duty. During the World War, it served overseas, mustering out in 1919.

Company A was the first Montana unit mustered in after the reorganization of the National Guard following the World War.

Known as a well-trained and a well-drilled unit, the company has rated well in rifle marksmanship and qualified several of its men for the Montana Rifle Team at Camp Perry, Ohio.

#### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company A, 163rd Infantry (Rifle), was first organized December 29, 1915, in Sidney, Montana, as a part of the Second Montana Infantry. Its present designation came May 1, 1940.



# COMPANY A

FIRST BATTALION  
163RD INFANTRY  
SIDNEY, MONTANA

1. Instructions to Recruits on "To Present Arms."
2. Non-Commissioned Officers.
3. Diagonal.
4. Firing Squad.
5. Automatic Rifle Instructions.



1. Instruction on Artificial Respiration.
2. Map Reading.
3. Automatic Rifle Instructions.
4. Manual of Arms.
5. Non-Commissioned Officers.
6. Pay Line.

# COMPANY B

FIRST BATTALION

## 163RD INFANTRY

POPLAR MONTANA



#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: J. Melbourne, Jr., J. Black Dog, Jr., H. Red Elk, Jr., A. Zimmerman, H. J. Hayne, M. L. Peterson, A. B. Casper, R. H. Edeline, F. E. Procter, A. G. Savior, W. H. McClammy, J. A. Smith.

SECOND ROW: M. Longtree, D. Youngman, L. Half Red, L. E. Dupree, M. Murray, R. N. Jones, R. Brown, L. E. Longee, L. Shields, M. Brown, W. A. Hawk.

THIRD ROW: F. R. Shields, F. Jones, J. Shields, H. Belgarde, W. J. Culbertson, L. Red Dog, S. Jones, A. J. Lambert, L. Red Dog, G. Red Elk, E. Jones, J. Reddoor.



# COMPANY B

## *First Battalion*

### 163RD INFANTRY, POPLAR, MONTANA

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . HAROLD M. LINDSTROM  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . JAMES G. HELMER  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . DUNCAN V. DUPREE

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . ALLEN ZIMMERMAN

#### SERGEANTS

BOOTH, EVERETT E.	EDELIN, ROBERT H.
CASPER, ALVY B.	MCCLAMMY, DANIEL
DAVIS, WILLIAM M.	PETERSON, MELVIN L.
FRINDER, CLAUDE R.	

#### CORPORALS

DAUPHINE, JOE W.	PROCTER, FRANK E.
DAVIS, WILLIAM M.	REDFOX, WILLIAM J.
HAYNE, HAROLD J.	RED THUNDER, JOE
LOCKMAN, MARVIN	SAVIOR, ALVIN G.
MCCLAMMY, WILLIS H.	STANDING BEAR, CLYDE

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

ABBOTT, DONALD	LITTLE HEAD, BEN
BEAR, EVERETT D.	MASON, JESSE, JR.
BELGARDE, HERMAN	MCCLAMMY, JOHN Q.
BLACK DOG, JAMES, JR.	MOHR, ARTHUR L.
DELORME, JOHN G.	MORIN, ROBERT M.
DUPREE, JOHN	RED BOY, ARCHIE
EDER, JAMES J.	RED BOY, SHIRLEY Q.
KIRN, JAY H.	RED ELK, HERMAN, JR.
KIDDER, PAT	SHIELDS, FRED R.
LEFT HAND THUNDER, DICK	SMITH, GERALD

#### PRIVATES

ADAMS, CHARLES	BUCKLES, WALTER
ADAMS, MATT D.	BUCK ELK, HARVEY
BAUER, FREDERICK, JR.	BUCK ELK, WARREN
BROWN, ARTHUR	CANTRELL, JOHN
BROWN, ROGER	CULBERTSON, WILLIAM J.
BLACK DOG, MATTHEW E.	DAMSON, JOE E.
BROWN, WATHIAS	DUPREE, LEONARD E.



#### PRIVATES

EDER, PHILIP J.  
 HALF RED, LOYDD  
 HAWK, WILLIAM A.  
 HOLLOW, ANTON E.  
 JONES, EARL  
 JONES, FRANK  
 JONES, RALPH N.  
 JONES, STEPHEN  
 JOSHUA, FRANCIS R.  
 LAMBERT, AMOS J.  
 LAMBERT, BARNEY  
 LONGEE, LOUIS E.  
 LONGTREE, MARK  
 McEACHERN, JOHN  
 MELBOURNE, JAMES, JR.

YOUNGMAN, DOUGLAS

MORIN, WILLIS D.  
 MURRAY, ROBERT D.  
 MURRAY, WILLIAM B.  
 OGLE, RAYMOND L.  
 RED DOG, LAWRENCE  
 RED DOG, LELAND  
 REDDOOR, JOSEPH  
 RED ELK, GERALD  
 SHIELDS, JULIAN  
 SHIELDS, LESLIE  
 SMITH, JAMES A.  
 WALKING EAGLE, DONALD  
 WAR CLUB, ROBT. M., JR.  
 WARREN, WILLIAM C.  
 WHITEAGLE, JAMES L.

#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: D. McClammy, C. R. Trinder, M. Lockman, C. Davis, W. J. Redfox, E. E. Booth, W. M. Davis, J. W. Dauphine, J. Red Thunder, C. Standing Bear, G. Smith, J. G. Delorme.

SECOND ROW: F. R. Joshua, B. Little Head, W. C. Warren, W. Buckles, M. E. Black Dog, A. E. Hollow, W. D. Morin, D. Left Hand Thunder, P. J. Eder, J. H. Kirn, J. Mason, Jr., A. L. Mohr, P. Kidder.

THIRD ROW: E. D. Bear, W. Buck Elk, H. Buck Elk, R. D. Murray, R. L. Ogle, B. Lambert, A. Red Boy, C. Adams, A. Brown, R. M. War Club, Jr., M. D. Adams, S. Q. Red Boy, J. Cantrell, F. Bauer, Jr.

### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company B, 163rd Infantry, was organized after the World War under the command of Captain D. B. Noble and Federally recognized February 15, 1922, at Poplar, Montana.

Captain Noble's junior officers were First Lieutenant A. W. Hawley and Second Lieutenant L. W. Rodger. The company, made up mainly of World War veterans, attended its first encampment at Missoula, Montana. In 1924, Captain Noble was promoted to Major of the First Battalion, 163rd Infantry, and Lieutenant Rodger was promoted to Captain of Company B. While Captain Rodger was in command, most of the enlisted personnel were Indians from the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, and since that time the unit has been known as the "Indian Company." Captain Rodger's junior officers

were First Lieutenant Charles B. Renz and Second Lieutenant H. E. Ziege.

Upon the death of Captain Rodger in 1926, Lieutenant Ziege was promoted to Captain and to the command of Company B. He retired in 1938, and H. M. Lindstrom was promoted to Captain with Lieutenants Helmer and Dupree as his junior officers.

Company B has maintained a high reputation in the various phases of military work which it has undertaken. During summer encampments, it has always been well represented in activities and has competed for many athletic championships.

Descendants of such famous Indian fighters as Sitting Bull, Chief Gaul, Chief Medicine Bear, Chief Yellow Leg, Chief Grease, Chief White Bear and Chief Crazy Bull are in the company.



#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: W. Hicks, R. McQuary, H. D. Ross, F. J. Woodland, O. Daems, A. C. Funk, E. Lowe, J. B. Lewis, G. M. Johnston, J. S. Dent.

SECOND ROW: I. W. Spensler, R. Keyes, B. Grooters, F. D. Lewis, V. Treat, K. L. Yadon, P. S. Glenn, R. W. Rogney, W. F. Cloninger, L. W. Kindig.

THIRD ROW: F. M. Gray, Jr., R. Dye, P. Hill, W. H. Johnson, N. Story, III, L. Swanson, H. N. Nelson, H. E. Poynter, E. W. Turner, K. L. Carter, J. C. Gunter.



# COMPANY C

*First Battalion*

## 163RD INFANTRY, BOZEMAN, MONTANA

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . MAURICE E. HENDERSON  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . JAMES M. BUCKLAND  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . EDWARD L. REAMS

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . WALLER HICKS

#### SERGEANTS

CRISWELL, RAYMOND	LOWE, EDMUND
DAEMS, OITO	MCQUARY, RICHARD
FUNK, ALFRED C.	ROSS, HARRY D.

#### CORPORALS

GRAY, FRANK M., JR.	STORY, NELSON, IV
HILL, PAUL	WHITNEY, LYLE
POYNTER, HAROLD E.	WOODLAND, FRANK J.
YOST, JAMES A.	

#### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

CARTER, KENNETH L.	JOHNSON, WILLIAM H.
DENT, JUNIOR S.	LEWIS, FRANK D.
DIXON, BOB	LEWIS, JACK B.
DRUM, JOHN J.	GROOTERS, BERT
DYE, ROBERT	KINDIG, LEWIS W.
FISHER, WILMER J.	MOE, GEORGE
GUNTER, JACK C.	SCHENK, FIKLIN
	SUNDERLAND, MARVIN E.

#### PRIVATEs

ALBERDA, PETER B.	MIKALSON, ROBERT L.
BARNES, WILLIAM D.	MIKALSON, ROY G.
CLES, LESLIE P.	MOHL, JOHN L.
CLONINGER, WILSON F.	NELSON, HARVEY N.
CORKINS, JACK P.	RICHARDSON, WILLIAM N.
DAVIDSON, DONALD N.	RINGER, PAUL T.
GLENN, PAUL S.	ROBBINS, KIMBALL K.
HAGLUND, PHILLIP G.	ROGNEY, ROGER W.
HARNSBERGER, GENE H.	RUSSELL, ROWLAND M.
JOHNSON, GERALD M.	SPENSER, IVOR W.
JONES, BOB L.	SWANSON, LESLIE
KEYES, ROBERT	TREAT, VIRGIL
KUHN, JOHN L.	TURNER, EARL W.
LEWIS, EUGENE	WEYAND, WILLIAM
LINDGREN, CARL R.	WILCOX, JOE C.
LOGAN, LEE F.	WILSON, JAMES F.
MCGAUGH, MAYO C.	YADON, KENNETH L.
MCHEERY, MELVIN C.	YOST, HAROLD

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1. Cooks.
2. Office.
3. Non-Commissioned Officers.
4. First-Aid.
5. Automatic Rifle Instruction.
6. On the Firing Line.

# COMPANY C

FIRST BATTALION

## 163RD INFANTRY

BOZEMAN MONTANA





#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: H. E. Daniels, L. L. Sheldon, D. P. Mooney, O. R. Indreland, B. K. Grinnvoll, V. L. Brown, P. P. Baxter, L. W. Rine.

SECOND ROW: D. L. Lake, M. E. Hopper, N. H. Graham, W. H. Beley, V. W. Glenn, H. A. Cosgriffe, J. W. Wirth, P. C. Dorn, W. H. Sipe.

THIRD ROW: L. E. Bacon, D. G. Blaquiere, L. P. Bakken, H. G. Rine, A. J. Vezey, C. E. Cox, D. O. Thorson, W. L. Rasmussen, L. J. Sherburn, M. T. Thompson.

FOURTH ROW: F. H. Stahlecker, L. C. Miller, V. E. Chapman, W. Neuharth, H. E. Poulos, G. O. Berry, V. E. Hutchison, J. G. Klinger, H. K. Brooks, L. M. Colby.

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

<i>Captain</i>	NORRIS D. LANGSTON
<i>First Lieutenant</i>	PAUL G. HOLLISTER
<i>Second Lieutenant</i>	DELMON D. PERKINS

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

<i>First Sergeant</i>	DAVID W. BLUMER
<i>First Sergeant</i>	LALE L. SHELDON, Acting

#### SERGEANTS

BIRD, GEORGE F.	COLBY, LYNN M.
BROWN, VERNON L.	GRINNVOLE, BERT K.
CASS, CLARK	LARSON, HANS A.
REYNOLDS, CLIFFORD H.	

#### CORPORALS

BELEY, WARD H.	LANGSTON, JAMES L.
BLAQUIERE, DAVID G.	MOONEY, FLOYD F.
COSGRIFFE, HARRY A.	QUAKENBUSH, HAROLD G.
DANIELS, HERMAN F.	RINE, LEE W.
LANGSTON, EDGAR	WIRTH, JAMES W.

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

BAKKEN, LINCOLN P.	LAKE, DAVID L.
BAXTER, PHILIP P.	MOONEY, DUAINE P.
GLENN, VINCENT W.	POULOS, HARRY E.
GRAHAM, NORVILLE H.	RASMUSSEN, WILFRED L.
HAWKINS, LLOYD C.	RINE, HARRY G.
HUNTER, GEORGE R.	STAHLECKER, F. H.
HUNTER, THEODORE R.	THOMPSON, MERVIN T.
HUTCHISON, VERNON E.	VEZEY, ASHLEY J.
KLINGER, JACOB G.	WEIPERT, RAYMOND F.

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# COMPANY D

## *First Battalion*

### 163RD INFANTRY, HARLOWTON, MONTANA



# 81-MILLIMETER PLATOON COMPANY D

FIRST BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

WHITEHALL, MONTANA

COMMISSIONED OFFICER

*Second Lieutenant*

WALTER R. RANKIN

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

SERGEANT

SULLENDER, RALPH E.

CORPORALS

CRITCHFIELD, ALBERT R.

SCOTT, RAYMOND P.

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

ANDERSON, ROBERT J.

SHIPMAN, EDWARD O.

FOGLE, GEORGE M.

TEBAY, JOHN E.

PRIVATES

CLAWSON, FRANCIS K.

JOHNSTON, HAROLD L.

CLINE, BYRON D.

ROGERS, JAMES R.

DAVENPORT, OVID O.

MOLNAR, STEVE J.

GIRARD, VIRGIL A.

SCOTT, LEONARD G.

## FACTUAL HISTORY

The 81-mm Mortar Platoon, Company D, 163rd Infantry, was organized May 1, 1940, from a part of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 163rd Infantry, when Headquarters Company was reduced in strength to 11 enlisted men and redesignated Headquarters Detachment, First Battalion.

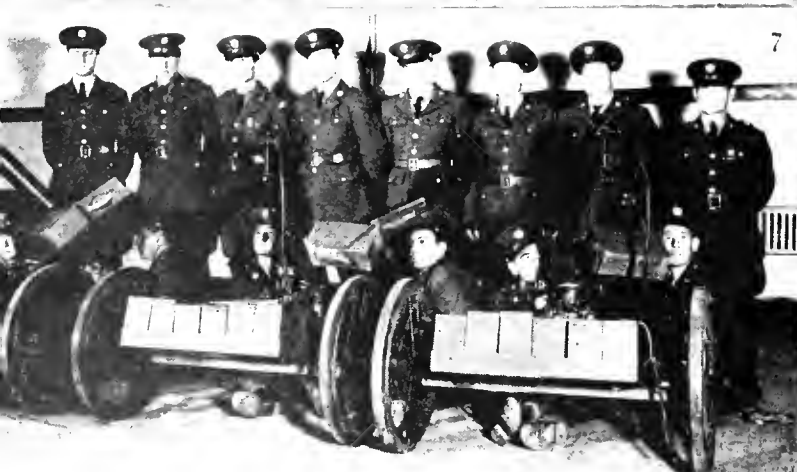
Commanded by First Lieutenant Walter R. Rankin, the platoon has 16 enlisted men. It is stationed in Whitehall.

### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: R. J. Anderson, A. R. Critchfield, R. P. Scott, R. E. Sullender, G. M. Fogle.

SECOND ROW: B. D. Cline, S. J. Molnar, L. G. Scott, O. O. Davenport, H. L. Johnston, J. E. Tebay.





COMPANY D  
FIRST BATTALION, 163RD INFANTRY  
HARLOWTON, MONTANA  
81-MM MORTAR PLATOON, COMPANY D  
FIRST BATTALION, 163RD INFANTRY  
WHITEHALL, MONTANA

1. Squad Wedge, 81-mm Mortar Platoon.
2. Non-Commissioned Officers, 81-mm Mortar Platoon.
3. Instruction on Nomenclature of Machine Gun, Company D.
4. Map Study, 81-mm Mortar Platoon.
5. Non-Commissioned Officers, Company D.
6. Instrument Section, Company D.
7. Airplane Drill, Company D.
8. Machine Gun Platoon, Company D.



CARL E. HAMMERNESS  
Major, Commanding

LEONARD W. MOEN  
Captain, Company E  
WILLIAM G. KELLY  
Captain, Company F



ARTHUR O. STENSLAND  
Captain, Company G  
CHARLES W. HASH  
Captain, Company H



## Officers

# SECOND BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY



ROLLAND E. HALL  
First Lieutenant  
Headquarters Detachment



WARREN W. HILL  
First Lieutenant, Company E



ROSS J. WILSON  
First Lieutenant, Company F



JOHN L. HOFFMANN  
First Lieutenant, Company G



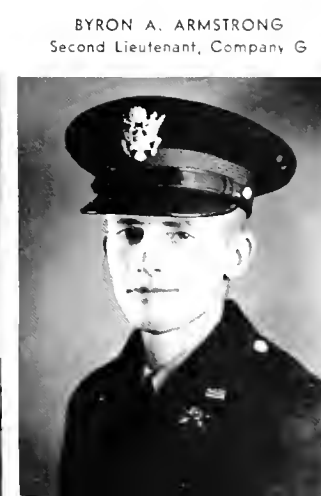
HORACE C. BRADBURY  
First Lieutenant, Company H



WINFIELD G. EVANS  
Second Lieutenant, Company E



EDWIN L. SUNDE  
Second Lieutenant, Company F



BYRON A. ARMSTRONG  
Second Lieutenant, Company G



MORRIS LIPSKER  
Second Lieutenant, Company H

WALTER D. SHAUGE  
Second Lieutenant  
Commanding Summer Mountain Platoon  
Company F





#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: E. E. Hall, T. Norgaard, R. Torstenson, W. Smith.

SECOND ROW: R. Sala, E. V. Sala, W. M. Torgerson, W. C. Smith.

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICER

First Lieutenant . . . . . ROLLAND E. HALL

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Technical Sergeant . . . . . RENE SALA

#### SERGEANTS

SALA, AIMIE M.

SALA, ERNEST V.

#### CORPORALS

HALL, EARL E.

NORGAARD, THORVALD

#### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

SMITH, WILLFORD

#### PRIVATES

ENGLE, BERNARD

SMITH, WILLIAM C.

HANSON, EVERETT H.

TORGERSON, WILLIAM M.

TORSTENSON, RONALD



# HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

SECOND BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

BAINVILLE, MONTANA

## FACTUAL HISTORY

Headquarters Detachment, Second Battalion, 163rd Infantry (Rifle), was organized and Federally recognized March 28, 1923, as Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, with 45 men and two officers—First Lieutenant William J. Forsyth, commanding, and Second Lieutenant Louis J. Foley. Its present designation came on May 1, 1940, when its strength was reduced to 11 enlisted men under the command of Lieutenant Rolland E. Hall.

The unit attended its first encampment at Fort Lewis, Washington. Soon after its second encampment, in 1924, Lieutenant Foley resigned and was replaced by Second Lieutenant Spencer Hurley Mitchell. It was under the leadership of Lieutenants Forsyth and Mitchell until De-

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Non-Commissioned Officers



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# COMPANY E • SECOND BATTALION • 163RD INFANTRY

CULBERTSON, MONTANA

## FIRST RIFLE PLATOON • COMPANY E • 163RD INFANTRY

WOLF POINT, MONTANA

1. Rifle Team, Company E.

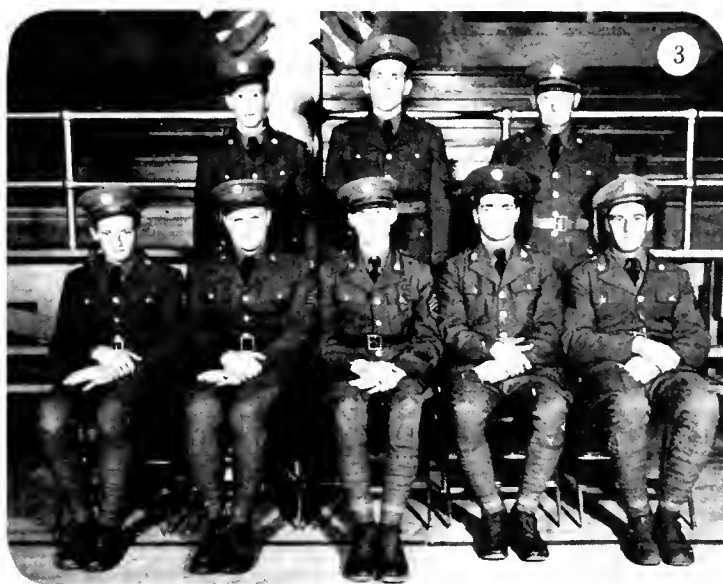
2. Instructions in Firing the Automatic Rifle, First Rifle Platoon.

3. Non-Commissioned Officers, Company E.

4. Non-Commissioned Officers, First Rifle Platoon.

5. Basketball Team, Company E.

6. The Four Positions on Firing the Rifle, First Rifle Platoon.



# COMPANY E

## Second Battalion

I 63RD INFANTRY  
CULBERTSON, MONTANA



### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: J. B. Peerboom, H. T. Thorson, R. N. Lynggard, E. Monroe, J. C. Boid, J. A. Jacobs, E. B. Monroe, B. W. Finnicum, R. V. McIntyre.

SECOND ROW: L. W. Schledewitz, P. G. Martell, J. J. Boyd, B. A. Haugen, W. C. Krall, P. E. Fisher, E. L. Wolff, O. A. Lab, Jr., T. R. Finnicum, R. C. Ankla.

THIRD ROW: O. P. Waldow, Jr., C. W. Patch, P. R. Jacobs, T. M. Wald, A. C. De Coteau, R. Z. Grunst, R. A. Peterson, R. A. Harding, A. T. Jensen, H. A. McKinney.

### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . LEONARD W. MOEN  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . WARREN W. HILL

### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . JOHN C. BOID

### SERGEANTS

ANKLAM, EDWARD A. JACOBS, JACOB A.  
BOWERS, EDGAR L. MONROE, EARL  
MONROE, ERYN B.

### CORPORALS

JENSEN, ALVIN T. MAXAM, FRANK E.  
KITTELSON, LESTER W. PEERBOOM, JOHN B.  
LYNGGARD, REINARD N. SCHILLINGER, WALTER E.

### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

BUSHMAN, DANIEL P. HAUGEN, JAMES W.  
BUSHMAN, MELVIN D. JACOBS, PAUL R.  
FINNICUM, BOYD W. JENSEN, CLARENCE W.  
HALL, JESSE C. L. JENSEN, IRA O.

### PRIVATE

ANKLAM, ROBERT C. KIRKENDAH, EARL S.  
ASHURE, MAX F. LAWSON, ROBERT L.  
BOW, HENRY LAMBERT, JOSEPH  
COURCHENE, RICHARD M. LEIBACH, KENNETH J.  
DE COTEAU, ALBERT C. LIEBACH, ORVILLE N.  
DOUBEK, LEO B. LAB, OLIVER A., JR.  
FENNE, NORRIS MAXAM, RICHARD H.  
FINNICUM, THOMAS R. MCKINNEY, HOWARD A.  
FISKE, KARL A. MARTELL, PATRICK G.  
FJESETH, GUSTAV S. MCCORMICK, LOREN M.  
GARDEN, ROBERT W. NAY, RALPH W.  
HARDING, ROBERT A. NORBY, KENNETH J.  
HARTY, MAURICE E. OLSON, OSCAR W.  
HAUGEN, BONARD A. PATCH, CHARLES W.  
HUDIBURGH, LESLIE T. SCHLEDEWITZ, LAVERN W.

WALDOW, OTTO P., JR.





#### COMMISSIONED OFFICER

*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . WINFIELD G. EVANS

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

##### SERGEANTS

MORLEY, HARRISON A. . . . . SHAMLEY, ERNEST R.

##### CORPORALS

ALBERT, ELSTON G. . . . . LUND, EINAR A.  
STENNES, DONALD

##### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

HARLOW, IRVIN E. . . . . OLDS, MILO J.  
KELLY, ERNEST J. . . . . OLDS, WILLIAM A.  
LOWERS, RICHARD J. . . . . TERRY, JAMES W.

##### PRIVATES

BROWN, RAYMOND C.	HAMILTON, HARVEY W.
BURNELL, STANLEY J.	HICKEL, LIN M.
BUSHMAN, JOHN W.	HOVE, HERBERT
BUSHMAN, MARTIN J.	JOHNSON, JOHN A.
COFFEY, ROBERT E.	MORAN, GABRIEL P.
DALLMAN, AARON D.	NEFZGER, DEANE D.
DUMARCE, ALEXANDER R.	SCHILLINGER, K. L.
FUNK, EUGENE W.	STENNES, EDWARD R.

Men attached to First Rifle Platoon, Company E, 163rd Infantry, Wolf Point, Montana, from Headquarters Platoon, Company E, 163rd Infantry, Culbertson, Montana.

##### CORPORAL

SCHILLINGER, WALTER E.

##### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

BUSHMAN, DANIEL P. . . . . BUSHMAN, MELVIN D.

##### PRIVATES

COURCHENE, RICHARD M. . . . . HUDIBURGH, LESLIE L.  
GARDEN, ROBERT W. . . . . SIEVERSON, HAAKON A.

#### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company E, 163rd Infantry (Rifle), was first organized in 1910, in Miles City, Montana, as Company E, Second Montana Infantry. When the Montana National Guard

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#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: E. R. Shamley, H. A. Morley, H. W. Hamilton, D. P. Bushman, L. M. Hickel, E. R. Stennes, H. Hove.

SECOND ROW: M. D. Bushman, R. E. Coffey, A. R. DuMarce, M. J. Olds, G. P. Moran, R. C. Brown, D. Stennes, E. A. Lund.

THIRD ROW: L. L. Hudiburgh, E. G. Albert, R. W. Garden, I. E. Harlow, W. A. Olds, R. J. Lowers, S. J. Burnelle, J. W. Bushman.



# FIRST RIFLE PLATOON COMPANY E

*Second Battalion*

163RD INFANTRY, WOLF POINT, MONTANA



#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . WILLIAM G. KELLY  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . ROSS J. WILSON  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . EDWIN L. SUNDE

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . JAMES H. CURTIS

#### SERGEANTS

BARRIE, CHARLES F.      SEXTON, WALTER M.  
HUME, CLYDE M.      SHAW, DUANE S.  
RHODES, CECIL C.      STOTTS, MORGAN R.

#### CORPORALS

HALL, RAY E.      RITTER, HENRY C.  
HUNDAHL, MAURICE E.      ROBERTSON, ROBERT P.  
HUNT, TED E.      SLYTER, LESLIE D.  
KAIR, HAROLD V.      UNWIN, EDWARD W.

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

ANDERSON, LAMAR H.      LANGBERG, VERNON A.  
BAIN, RICHARD V.      OLSON, ELLIS W.  
CORK, EARL J.      PARR, DONALD L.  
DICKEY, AARON K.      PRIDNVILLE, CASEY P.  
FENTON, EARL W.      RAY, JAMES E.  
HASTREITER, ERNEST C.      ROWLAN, STEVE S.  
HITCHCOCK, FRANK J.      STENSWICK, ROBERT W.  
KELLER, BURTON W.      STROM, EDWIN B.

#### PRIVATES

ALMA, NORMAN M.      EKLUND, BERTELL B.  
BELL, HERBERT O.      FLORY, AIRLD  
BLOTT, P. EUGENE      GREENLAND, DALE E.  
BURRELL, GERALD F.      GUANELLA, BERT M.  
COLE, MELVIN J.      HARTSOCH, ALFRED W.  
CONN, JAMES H.      HATHAWAY, CHARLES J.  
CYR, ROBERT R.      HOLAND, VERNON T.  
DAY, LLOYD S.      JANSON, IVAN W.  
DYER, JOE C.      JOHNSON, LEO R.



# COMPANY F

*Second Battalion*

163RD INFANTRY, KALISPELL, MONTANA



#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: J. H. Curtis, C. C. Rhodes, W. M. Sexton, D. S. Shaw, C. F. Barrie, C. M. Hume, M. R. Stotts, M. E. Hundahl, T. E. Hunt, G. F. Burrell.

SECOND ROW: R. P. Robertson, E. W. Unwin, L. D. Slyter, R. E. Hall, H. V. Kair, L. A. Whittaker, R. R. Cyr, H. W. Roush, L. S. Day, C. E. Proctor.

THIRD ROW: S. S. Rowlan, N. M. Alma, P. E. Blott, A. B. Schibsted, J. Lee, C. A. Stowell, E. W. Fenton, E. B. Strom, E. C. Hastreiter, O. A. Rumley.

FOURTH ROW: H. O. Bell, V. A. Langberg, R. V. Bain, J. F. Joy, R. W. Stenswick, B. W. Keller, A. D. Roe, H. H. Warnick, R. W. Williams, E. A. Mills, B. B. Eklund.

#### PRIVATEs

Joy, Jack F.  
Koch, Don J.  
Lalum, Luther  
Lee, Gordon H.  
Lee, James  
Marshall, Wayne A.  
McLaughlin, Galen C.  
Mills, Earl A.  
Moore, Leroy M.  
Nelson, Chris E.  
Nelson, Jake M.  
Norris, Harold O.  
Nugent, Roy E.  
Penoyer, Melvin L.  
Perkins, Glen A.

Proctor, Conrad E.  
Ramsey, William H.  
Roe, Archie D.  
Roush, Harold W.  
Rumley, Owen A.  
Schibsted, Alfred B.  
Sexton, Kenneth W.  
St. Amour, Buck L.  
Stearns, George H.  
Stevens, Willis L.  
Stowell, Ceylon A.  
Warnick, Herbert H.  
Whittaker, Lee A.  
Will, Gene E.  
Williams, Robert W.

Wilhelm, Archie B.

#### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company F, 163rd Infantry, was first organized February 7, 1910, in Kalispell, Montana, the only town of its size in the United States supporting two units at that time.

Elected as Captain of the original unit was L. A. Foot, who recently retired from the 41st Division Staff as a Lieutenant Colonel, after serving on the Border, in the riots at Butte, Montana, and later in France. Its other officers were First Lieutenant Clyde Jordan and Second Lieutenant W. O. Whipps.

Shortly after its organization, Company F was called

to duty in western Montana to fight forest fires. It was ordered to riot duty in Butte, late in August, 1914, by the late Governor Samuel V. Stewart; and in June, 1916, it did Mexican Border duty at Douglas, Arizona. The unit was mustered out in November, 1916, after returning to Helena, Montana. Five months later, Company F went into Federal service, again, this time for the World War. It trained at Fort Harrison, Montana, and on December 14, 1917, sailed for France. Debarking at Le Havre, it went by rail to La Courtine for training and from there was transferred to the First and Second Divisions.

The unit was reactivated in 1923, under Captain Alexander G. Swaney, who was succeeded the same year by Captain John I. Hawkins. In 1925, Captain Hawkins resigned, and the command of the company was taken over by Allen C. Hanson, a member of the old unit from the Mexican Border through the World War. Captain Carl E. Anderson (now Major), served as the unit's commanding officer from 1926 until October, 1936, when he was transferred to the State Staff. First Lieutenant W. G. Kelly, promoted to Captain, succeeded Captain Anderson, is the present Commander. Other officers of the present company are First Lieutenant Ross J. Wilson and Second Lieutenant Edwin L. Sunde.

The original company, under command of the late Oliver S. Perry, gained renown as a shooting company, winning the state shoot and the National Defense Trophy in 1913. In 1915, the unit won the Colonel John J. McGuinness Trophy for field firing.

# COMPANY F

SECOND BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

KALISPELL, MONTANA

1. Squad Wedge.
2. Gas Mask Instruction.
3. Bayonet Instruction.
4. Non-Commissioned Officers.
5. Rifle Team.
6. Automatic Rifle Instruction.



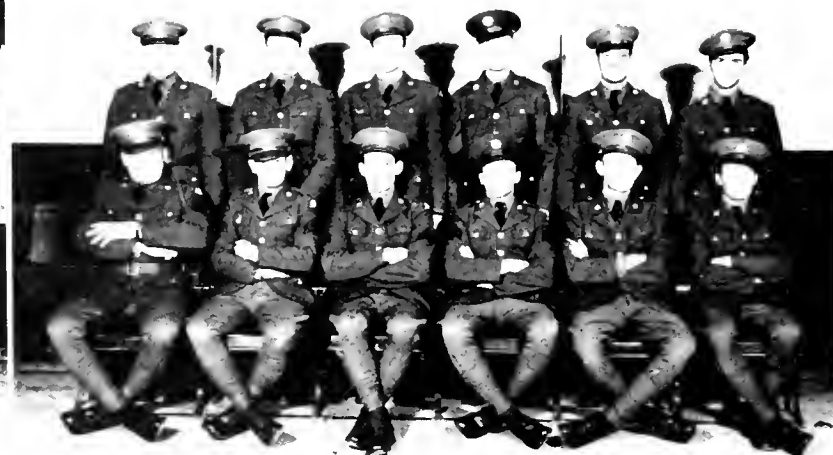
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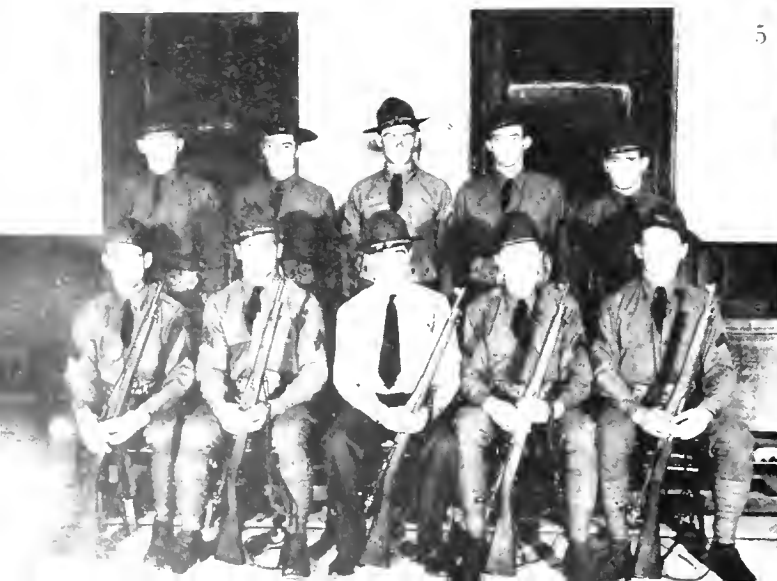
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1. Non-Commissioned Officers.
2. Dr. M. D. Hoyt, Mayor of Glasgow,  
Innoculating Patient.
3. Bayonet Instruction.
4. Artificial Respiration.
5. Automatic Rifle Instruction.
6. Map Reading.

# COMPANY G

SECOND BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

GLASGOW MONTANA



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# COMPANY G

## *Second Battalion*

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G L A S G O W, M O N T A N A



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FIRST ROW: H. E. Bouchie, C. E. Peterson, W. D. Fly, M. N. Christensen, L. Martin, A. H. Cygan, B. Wilson, R. H. Cross, E. Fryberger.

SECOND ROW: K. O. Olson, J. Jackson, J. Escarcega, C. Martin, R. B. Rowe, H. Bearcub, A. J. Fourstar, E. T. Wright, E. Escacaga.

THIRD ROW: T. L. McPhail, R. C. Greene, T. E. Kamrud, W. G. Allison, L. L. Levandoski, L. N. Villerup, L. D. Rowe, S. E. Archdale, T. C. Brubaker.

### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . ARTHUR O. STENSLAND  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . JOHN L. HOFFMANN  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . BYRON A. ARMSTRONG

### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . HERMAN E. BOUCHIE

### SERGEANTS

CHRISTENSEN, MATT N.	MILL, EDWIN C.
FLY, WILLIAM D.	PETERSON, CHARLES E.
MCCONNELL, WILLIAM W.	SCHWENKE, HAROLD A.
SVINGEN, PERRY N.	

### CORPORALS

ANDERSON, JACK M.	FRYBERGER, EUGENE
CLOWES, ARTHUR W.	GOTSCHALK, ARNOLD B.
CROSS, ROBERT H.	MARTIN, LEE
CYGAN, ANTHONY H.	OSEN, BERT O.
WILSON, BERNIE	

### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

ADAMS, HARRY B.	HOLTER, CASPER O.
BEARCUB, ADAM	HOOKLAND, NORRIS L.
BEARCUB, HARRY	JACKSON, JOE
BOXER, LOUIS J.	MCGLOCHLIN, EDWARD A.
FAY, GEORGE B.	MOEN, VICTOR N.
FRAME, EVERETT E.	SAGE, MYRON B.
GAMAS, HORACE F.	SNORHEIM, NELS M.
GOLLA, WILLIAM V.	STEFFENS, LUDVIG O.
VILLERUP, LLOYD N.	

### PRIVATES

ALLISON, WILLIAM G.	ESCECAGA, ERNEST
ARCHDALE, SAMUEL E.	ESCARCEGA, JOSEPH
BREITZKE, RONALD M.	FOLLETTE, ISAAC L.
BRUBAKER, THOMAS C.	FOURSTAR, ARTHUR J.
CHARGING DOG, FRANK	FOURSTAR, WALLACE C.
COWAN, KENNETH L.	FRESE, MYRON J.





#### PRIVATES

FUNK, EDWARD P.  
FUHRMAN, LESTER L.  
GARFIELD, DAVID  
GRANT, JOHN G.  
GREENE, ROGER C.  
HANSON, AARON A.  
HOPSTAD, HOOKEN N.  
KAMRUD, THEODORE E.  
KELTNER, FLOYD J.  
KENNY, CHARLES F.  
LANE, GEORGE W.  
LEVANDOSKI, LOUIS L.  
LINGLE, HARVEY C.  
LINGLE, WILSON E.  
MAKOFF, WALTER M.  
MARTIN, CHARLES  
MCGILLIS, MARK H.

MCPhAIL, THEODORE L.  
OLSON, KENNETH O.  
PASCHKE, GEORGE S.  
PATTISON, LYMAN J.  
RIEGER, JOHN S.  
ROSCOE, JOHN R.  
ROWE, LESTER D.  
ROWE, RICHARD B.  
SECORA, FRANK J.  
SKOGSTAD, GEORGE  
SOWA, GEORGE E.  
UTIGARD, RAYMOND A.  
UTTERBACK, WALTER W.  
WAMBEKE, LEO H.  
WILLIAMS, FLOYD L.  
WRIGHT, BERT C.  
WRIGHT, EDWARD T.

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FIRST ROW: B. O. Osen, H. B. Adams, G. W. Lane, I. L. Follette, F. J. Keltner, G. B. Fay, J. R. Roscoe, G. E. Sowa, L. O. Steffens, W. W. McConnell.

SECOND ROW: J. G. Grant, H. F. Gamas, H. N. Hopstad, R. M. Bretzke, W. C. Fourstar, W. W. Utterback, W. V. Golla, L. L. Fuhrman, M. J. Freese, L. J. Pattison, F. Charging Dog.

THIRD ROW: N. M. Snorheim, D. Garfield, K. L. Cowan, A. Bearcub, A. A. Hanson, W. M. Makoff, V. N. Moen, E. A. McGlochlin, F. J. Secora, M. B. Sage, L. H. Wambeke.

## FACTUAL HISTORY

The history of Company G, 163rd Infantry, dates back to 1867, when it was organized as part of the volunteer forces of the Territory of Montana by General Green Clay Smith for protection against Indian uprisings. It later saw service in the Spanish-American War.

As a home town company, however, it was first organized in Glasgow on January 16, 1915, commanded by Captain Edgar N. Layton, First Lieutenant J. P. Sternhagen and Second Lieutenant Theodore F. King, Jr. Ordered to active service, June 16, 1916, it was sent to Fort Douglas, Arizona, for Mexican Border duty and remained there four months.

Again called to active service March 25, 1917, and commanded by Captain J. P. Sternhagen, it spent four months doing guard duty over the state, another four months in training, and was sent to France, arriving there December

30, 1917, and being detailed as a training troop for the First Army.

After the war, Company G, 163rd Infantry, was reorganized in Glasgow on March 31, 1923, commanded by Captain E. J. Heller. First Lieutenant Lou E. Bretzke and Second Lieutenant Ray F. Hendricks. In August, Lieutenant Bretzke was made Captain and Commander, assisted by First Lieutenant Hammerness and Second Lieutenant Stensland, two World War veterans and former members of Company G. On 1929, Lieutenant Hammerness was made Captain and Commander, Lieutenant Stensland became a First Lieutenant and John L. Hoffman was commissioned Second Lieutenant. On January 20, 1940, Captain Hammerness was promoted to Major and Commander of the Second Battalion, Lieutenant Stensland became Captain and Company Commander. Lieutenant Hoffman was promoted to First Lieutenant and Byron A. Armstrong was commissioned Second Lieutenant.

Besides distinguishing itself on numerous other occasions in rifle and pistol competitions. Company G won the Chief of Militia Bureau's Match in National competition in 1931, outshooting all of the selected teams from the various states in the United States.



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FIRST ROW: L. L. Flamm, E. J. Heisler, R. R. Richardson, O. W. Boepple, W. W. Fry, J. G. Bailey, H. O. Lowery, F. R. Polesky, W. G. McMillan, G. O. Stockdale.

SECOND ROW: C. W. Moody, R. E. Shell, H. J. Hart, W. L. Kirsch, F. N. Soricone, S. A. Jacobson, H. H. Stahla, W. Joos, W. Leichner, R. J. Marker.

THIRD ROW: L. O. Curley, F. Feuerbacher, Jr., R. H. Whitney, J. O. Durham, F. A. Bradbury, J. D. Sanders, A. L. Richmond, B. J. O'Leary, R. L. Asel, J. J. Schulte, J. F. Yetter.

#### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company H, Second Montana Infantry, organized June, 1902, at Kalispell was the forerunner of Company H, 163rd Infantry. Reorganization February 5, 1924, at Polson, and redesignation March 1, 1940, gave it its present status of a rifle company in the 163rd.

As a part of the old Second Montana, Company H was mustered into state service July 2, 1902; attended its first

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# COMPANY H

## *Second Battalion*

163RD INFANTRY, BILLINGS, MONTANA

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . CHARLES W. HASH  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . HORACE C. BRADBURY  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . MORRIS LIPSKER  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . WALTER D. SKAUGE  
 (Commanding 81-mm Mortar Platoon)

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . WALTER W. FRY

#### SERGEANTS

BAILEY, J. GRANT	HEISLER, EDWIN J.
BOEPPLE, OSCAR W.	MCPHERSON, LOREN E.
BRADBURY, FRANK A.	RICHARDSON, RAYMOND R.
RUFF, HENRY	

#### CORPORALS

BAUMGARTNER, PETER P.	PETERSON, ROGER V.
FLAMM, LEWIS L.	RICHMOND, ALFRED L.
HORNING, WILLIS E.	SCHREIBER, ANTON J.
KRUG, GEORGE R.	SCHULTE, JOSEPH J.
LOWERY, HARRY O.	STOCKDALE, GLENN O.

#### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

LEICHNER, WALTER	NEILSON, HARRY T.
McMILLAN, WILLIAM G.	PAULOS, ARTHUR C.
MOODY, CLAIR W.	SHERWOOD, ROBERT E.

SORICONE, FRED N.



#### PRIVATES

ASEL, RAYMOND L.	MARKER, ROBERT J.
BARTHULY, HENRY	MOE, PHILIP M.
BEERS, JOHN R.	O'DELL, WENDELL E.
BEHM, ALEX, JR.	O'DONNELL, EDWARD F.
BERRETH, RAYMOND II.	O'LEARY, BARRY J.
CROSSER, JACK C.	PETERSON, RALPH J.
CRYSTAL, RAYMOND D.	POLESKY, FRED R.
CURLEY, LAVERNE O.	REITER, GEORGE J.
DURHAM, JAMES O.	ROTH, MANUEL
FEUERBACHER, FRED, JR.	SAMPLES, THOMAS A.
FRANK, CHARLES	SANDERS, JACK D.
HENRY, GEORGE R.	SASICH, LOUIS
HOFER, LLOYD F.	SCHENK, HERBERT J.
HOLLISTER, JOHN F.	SHAWN, HARVEY J.
HOPKINS, CHARLES E.	SHELL, ROBERT E.
JACOBSON, SHERRILL A.	SPRATTLER, HAROLD W. A.
JOOS, WILLIAM	SIVERIS, ROBERT D.
KIRSCH, WILBUR L.	STAHLA, HARRY II.
LEWELLYN, WILLIAM	STEINMASSEL, ADOLPH E.
LUIJENS, VERNON J.	WEBER, MILTON E.
MCCAULEY, DUNCAN II.	WHITNEY, ROBERT II.
MCNALLY, DONALD C.	WUORI, TIMOTHY T.

YEITER, JOSEPH F.

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SECOND ROW: L. Sasich, H. W. A. Sprattler, A. Behm, Jr., T. A. Samples, J. C. Crosser, J. F. Hollister, G. J. Reiter.



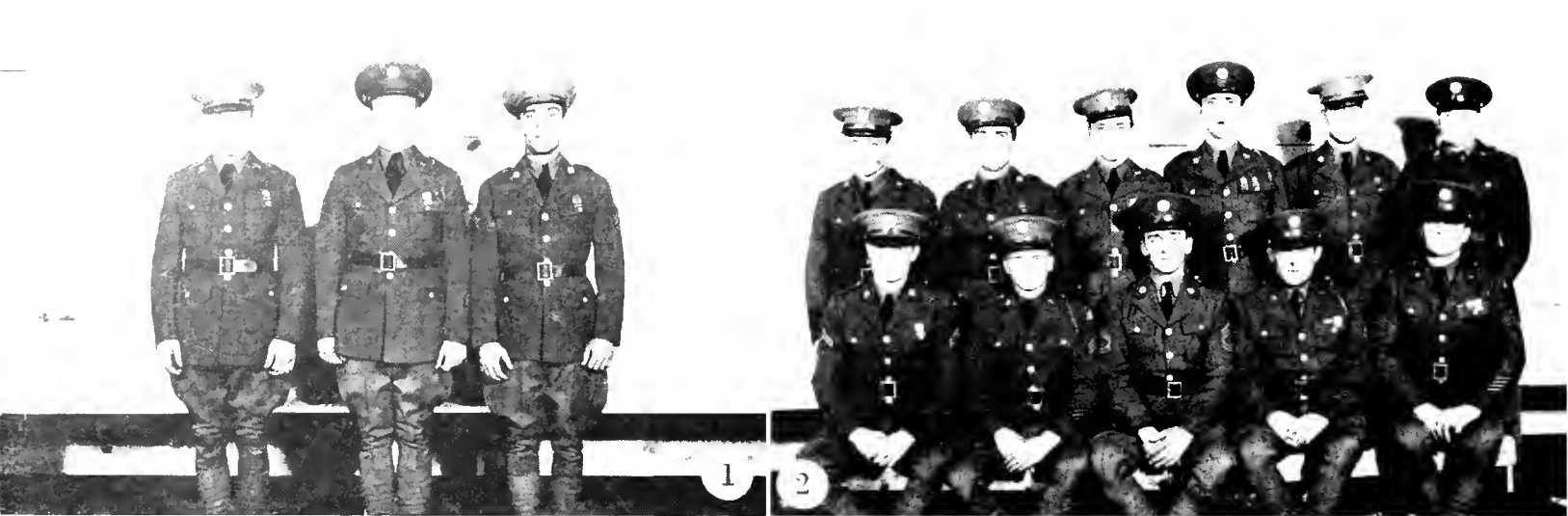
#### FACTUAL HISTORY

The 81-mm Mortar Platoon, Company H, 163rd Infantry, (Rifle), is an integral part of Company H in Billings. Commander of the platoon is Lieutenant Walter D. Skauge.

# 81 MILLIMETER MORTAR PLATOON COMPANY H

*Second Battalion*

163RD INFANTRY, BILLINGS, MONTANA



COMPANY H  
81-MILLIMETER MORTAR PLATOON  
SECOND BATTALION  
163RD INFANTRY  
BILLINGS, MONTANA



(1) Non-Commissioned Officers, 81-mm Mortar Platoon. (2) Non-Commissioned Officers, Company H. (3) Normal Machine Gun Fire Unit. (4) Machine Gun in Action. (5) Instruction in Stripping and Assembling. (6) Gun Drill. (7) Instruction on Instruments.



CARL E. ANDERSON  
Major, Commanding

# Officers

## THIRD BATTALION

### 163RD INFANTRY



B. F. SJAHOLM  
Captain, Company I



HOPACE M. MORRIS  
Captain, Company L



ELMER C. SHONMAN  
Captain, Company M



ROAL C. LARSON  
First Lieutenant  
Headquarters Detachment



BYRON L. DEWING  
First Lieutenant, Company I



GEORGE C. BAUM  
First Lieutenant, Company K



WILLIAM J. BERGIN  
First Lieutenant, Company L



PERRY J. JONES, JR.  
Second Lieutenant, Company I



FRANK X. SIMONFY  
Second Lieutenant, Company K



ROBERT E. WESTVELT  
Second Lieutenant, Company K

JOHN B. SWEENEY  
Second Lieutenant, Company L

JOHN SPONENBURGH  
Second Lieutenant, Company M

JOHN J. KELLY  
Second Lieutenant  
50 Calibre Machine Gun Platoon  
Company M

WILLIAM T. PHEA  
Second Lieutenant  
50 Calibre Machine Gun Platoon  
Company M





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FIRST ROW: O. L. Powell, R. P. Sanderson.

SECOND ROW: J. M. Shaffer, R. F. Bradley, J. L. Potter, W. F. Gloudeman, W. J. Butler, G. H. Gloudeman, W. C. Barnett.



# HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT

THIRD BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

BILLINGS, MONTANA

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICER

*First Lieutenant* ROAL C. LARSON

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Technical Sergeant* EDWIN M. VAN HOUTEN  
*Staff Sergeant* RICHARD P. SANDERSON

#### SERGEANT

POWELL, OLIO F.

#### CORPORALS

BRADLEY, ROBERT F. BUTLER, WILLIAM J.

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

BARNETT, WILLIAM C.

#### PRIVATES

GLOUDEMAM, GEORGE H. POTTER, JAMES L.  
GLOUDEMAM, W. F. SHAFFER, JULIUS M.

#### FACTUAL HISTORY

Headquarters Detachment, Third Battalion, 163rd Infantry, was first organized and Federally recognized September 22, 1923, at Wilsall, Montana, as Headquarters Company, Third Battalion. Its present designation was made May 1, 1940.

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Non-Commissioned Officers

Message Center

Scouting Patrol





#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . BERNARD F. SJAHOLM  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . BYRON L. DEWING  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . PERRY J. JONES, JR.

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . HARRY J. TRODICK

#### SERGEANTS

CANON, THOMAS H.      GRAVES, HAROLD A.  
 EMFTT, TRUCE W.      HOOKER, EARL S.  
                                  KRUSE, GLENN C.

#### CORPORALS

BOLLAND, JAMES W.      PAMENTER, GEORGE W.  
 GRANT, DANIEL J.      PARKER, ROBERT F.  
 HORSEWOOD, HARRY F.      PHILLIPS, ROBERT L.  
 MCHUGH, JOHN R.      TRODICK, HARRY C., JR.  
                                  VIERA, FRANK J.

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

BENEDICT, FRANCIS L.      ELLERY, ALVIN E.  
 CHAMBERLAIN, CARL V.      HOUCK, MARTIN J.  
                                  PFEIFLE, EDWIN C.

#### PRIVATES

BRITTON, WILLIAM R.      LINDHOLM, JAMES C.  
 BROWN, ALLEN L.      MANN, MELBURN C.  
 BUCK, JAMES F.      McMANUS, JACK K.  
 CLEMMONS, GUY E.      McMANUS, JAMES C.  
 COLBENSON, BERT C.      MORRIS, RALPH S.  
 ELLIS, KENNETH A.      MUDGETT, JACK L.  
 FALLON, DALE S.      RODGERS, HARRY A.  
 FISCHER, STEPHEN A.      SETTERSTEDT, L. R.  
 GRAHAM, JOHN H.      STEINBACK, MICHAEL C.  
 GROTHE, MYRON B.      STUCKENSCHNEIDER, R. E.  
 HAGEN, JACK F.      TOMLINSON, MAURICE W.  
 HAGE, ROBERT L.      TUMBLIN, JAMES L.  
 HAJEK, JOHN C.      WELLS, PHILLIPS L.  
 HALVERSON, STANLEY R.      WHITEHORN, WALLACE W.  
 HONETSCHLAGER, W. E.      WILLITS, JOHN B.  
 JACOBSON, GLENN F.      WRYN, JOHN S.  
                                  YBARROLA, JAMES M.

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SECOND ROW: R. L. Phillips, L. R. Setterstedt, W. W. Whitehorn, S. R. Halverson, S. A. Fischer, B. C. Colbenson, M. J. Houck, G. E. Clemmons, H. F. Horsewood.

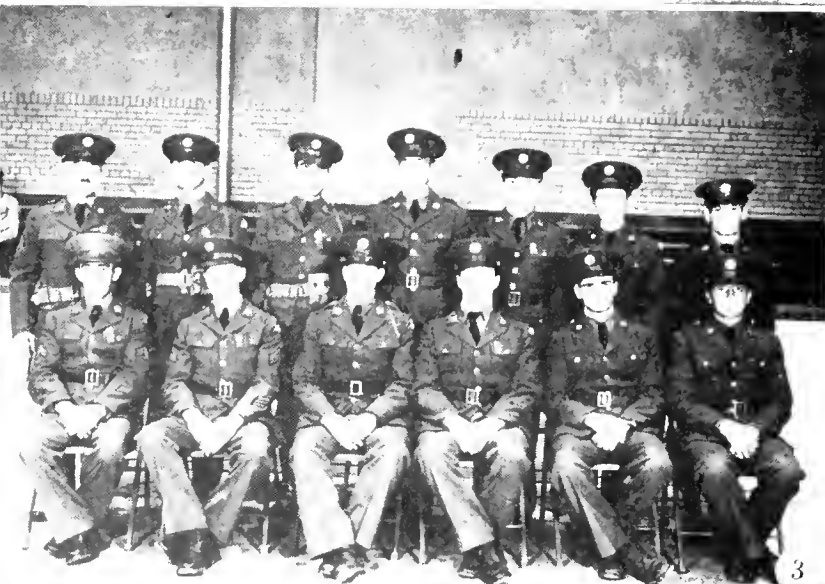
THIRD ROW: C. V. Chamberlain, M. B. Grothe, J. C. Lindholm, P. L. Wells, M. C. Steinback, D. J. Grant, J. C. Hajek, E. C. Pfeifle, F. L. Benedict.



# COMPANY I

## *Third Battalion*

163RD INFANTRY, GREAT FALLS, MONTANA



# COMPANY I

THIRD BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA



1. Automatic Rifle Instruction.
2. Bayonet Exercise.
3. Non-Commissioned Officers.
4. Squad Wedge.
5. Map Reading and Orientation.
6. Gas Mask Instruction.





# COMPANY K

THIRD BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

LEWISTOWN, MONTANA



- 1. Rifle Team.
- 2. Rifle Instruction.
- 3. Gas Mask Instruction.
- 4. Non-Commissioned Officers.
- 5. Squad Wedge.
- 6. Rookie Instruction.





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FIRST ROW: R. E. Hull, J. L. Barnes, W. F. Koch, A. W. Ayers, A. I. Tiller, G. E. Huff, A. McGhee, R. T. Koch, J. L. Casey, W. G. Vangsness.

SECOND ROW: T. A. Pierce, J. M. Kennett, M. H. McCollum, I. J. Raymond, P. B. Cox, C. W. Park, J. W. Crabb, J. O. Baumgartner, R. L. Short, L. D. Messier, C. R. Messier.

THIRD ROW: D. H. Jackson, D. H. Sherman, W. G. Roberts, W. W. Wilcox, W. C. Shaver, G. E. Tague, J. E. Barney, W. E. Gore, W. G. Melton, G. P. Dunn, W. D. Huff.



# COMPANY K

## *Third Battalion*

### 163RD INFANTRY, LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Lieutenant* . . . . . GEORGE C. BAUM  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . FRANK X. SIMONY  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . ROBERT E. WESTVELT

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . WALDO G. VANGNESS

#### SERGEANTS

CASEY, JAMES L.	KOCH, RICHARD T.
HUFF, GLEN E.	LARSON, JOHN L.
ILLB, CHARLES J.	MCGHEE, ARTHUR
TILLER, ALTON I.	

#### CORPORALS

AYERS, ALBERT W.	HULL, ROBERT E.
BARNES, JOHN L.	KAMP, FRANK A.
CASTEEL, KENNETH R.	KOCH, WILLIAM G.
GORE, GLENN M.	SMITH, FLOYD F.

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

BUNT, LEWIS J.	MCCULLUM, MARION H.
DAVIS, LAWRENCE L.	MESSIER, CHARLES R.
DUNN, GEORGE P.	MESSIER, LAWRENCE D.
FINN, TERRENCE E.	MELTON, WILLIAM G.
GORDON, JOHN F.	NANCE, EARL W.
GORE, WILLIAM E.	ORE, GEORGE W.
KENNETT, JOE M.	O'DELL, WOODROW B.
LANGFORD, EDWARD W.	SHAYER, WILLIAM C.
SHERMAN, DEAN H.	

#### PRIVATES

BARNEY, JACK E.	GALBRAITH, JAMES O.
BAUMGARTNER, JOHN O.	GREEN, HOWARD A.
BROWN, ROBERT J.	HOSTETTER, CARL E.
CASEY, RICHARD E.	HUFF, WILLIAM D.
COX, PAUL B.	JACKSON, DALE H.
CRABB, JOHN W.	JIMMERSON, JERRY E.
DARLOW, WILLIAM C.	JOHNSON, CHARLES E.
FLEHARTY, LESTER C.	JOHNSON, DONALD L.
FRYBERG, JAMES A.	KELLY, JOSEPH M.

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1 Artificial Respiration.



2 Roll Call.

3 Squad Wedge.

4 Non-Commissioned Officers.

5 Display of Equipment.

6 Marksmanship Positions.

# COMPANY L

THIRD BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

BILLINGS, MONTANA





#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: E. J. Clark, R. G. Clark, M. W. Clark, L. B. Pielat, F. L. Ernst, N. A. Clark.

SECOND ROW: R. L. Glasgow, A. Schrotenboer, R. R. Akerstrom, L. C. Bisbee, A. A. Rothschilder, D. H. O'Hara, F. H. Willson.

THIRD ROW: A. L. Prindle, L. E. O'Dell, E. W. Hill, J. E. McConnell, C. L. Ellers, R. E. Horning, J. I. Vinner, H. A. Sayer, C. W. Hillner.

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . HORACE M. MORRIS  
*First Lieutenant* . . . . . WILLIAM J. BERGIN  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . JOHN B. SWEENEY

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . NORMAN A. CLARK

#### SERGEANTS

CLARK, EARL J.	McCONNELL, JOHN E.
ELLERS, CONWAY L.	O'DELL, LOREN E.
HILL, EUGENE W.	SCHROTENBOER, ARTHUR
HILLNER, CARL W.	VINNER, JACK I.

#### CORPORALS

COON, WALTER B.	HAWLEY, EARL V.
CRITELLI, JOE S.	HORNING, ROY E.
ELLERS, KENNETH W.	McCoy, HARRY M.
FRIED, ALEX	SAYER, HAROLD A.
STEVENS, ALBERT E.	

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

AKERSTROM, ROBERT R.	PHILLIPS, BOB B.
BISBEE, LEONARD C.	ROTHSCHILDER, AL A.
BLANKENSHIP, LAWRENCE	SCHIENO, JOSEPH A.
CLARK, RAYMOND G.	SCHIENO, MICHAEL
DIETRICH, ROY L.	SMITH, MURRELL M.
HOLLAND, FLOYD W.	WILLSON, FLOYD H.

#### PRIVATES

ALLARD, DOUGLAS	BARKER, GLENN L.
ANDERSON, STANLEY A.	BARNEY, RICHARD L.

# COMPANY L

## *Third Battalion*

### 163RD INFANTRY, BILLINGS, MONTANA

#### PRIVATES

BECKER, EARL R.	KLINE, ALVIN A.
BLACK, JOHN L.	KUCH, JAMES I.
BOYLE, THOMAS S.	LAMERS, JOHN W.
BURY, JAMES E.	LAURIE, DONALD F.
CALDWELL, DONALD L.	LYDEN, RICHARD S.
CARLSON, VERNER T.	MADSON, DAVID R.
CARTER, ROBERT W.	MANLEY, JAMES E.
CLARK, MYRON W.	MINTON, JAMES H.
CLIFTON, CRISS R.	O'HARA, DANIEL H.
DAY, LOUIS L.	PIELAEI, LEE B.
DEKAY, NORMAN E.	PRINDLE, ALVIN L.
ERNST, EDWARD C.	RICKMAN, WILLIAM M.
ERNST, FRED L.	SLOAN, CHARLES G.
FRASCO, JOHN R.	SPINI, WILLIAM G.
FRIED, ALFRED V.	STANKEY, EDWARD H.
GILFEATHER, CLARENCE F.	THOMAS, ROLAND C.
GLASGOW, ROBERT L.	VANBERG, PHILLIP
GLENNON, WILLIAM J.	WHITE, LEONARD A.
HAMLIN, WILLIAM A.	WEINMANN, R. R.
HERBERT, GEORGE A.	WOLFE, WILLIAM J.
HUTCHINS, DWIGHT L.	WOOD, HOWARD D.
YALE, LAWRENCE E.	

#### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company L, 163rd Infantry, was first organized at Froid, Montana, following the World War. In 1933, the company was mustered out at Froid and reorganized in Billings, Montana. It received Federal recognition October 24, 1933, with an authorized strength of 65 men and three officers.

Of the original officers of the unit, two continue

in their original ranks—Captain Horace M. Morris and First Lieutenant William J. Bergin. The third original officer, Lieutenant Walter W. Renschler, resigned his active commission because of his departure from the state. He was succeeded by Lieutenant John B. Sweeney, now Second Lieutenant of the unit.

During the seven years Company L has been one of the Billings units, a great many of the young men of the city and nearby communities have been members. Among them are six who have won the distinction of being commissioned Second Lieutenants in the National Guard. They are: Norman A. Clark, Conway L. Ellers, Earl J. Clark, Jack I. Vinner, Loren E. O'Dell and Kenneth W. Ellers.

#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: K. W. Ellers, C. G. Sloan, W. B. Coon, J. S. Critelli, D. L. Hutchins, R. R. Weinmann.

SECOND ROW: J. L. Black, C. F. Gilfeather, J. R. Frasco, L. L. Day, E. C. Ernst, B. B. Phillips, A. A. Kline.

THIRD ROW: H. M. McCoy, R. S. Lyden, P. Vanberg, E. H. Stankey, D. F. Laurie, T. S. Boyle, W. A. Hamlin, H. D. Wood, M. Schieno.





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FIRST ROW: J. D. Downen, R. H. Phipps, N. E. Mosser, E. M. Gesell, W. J. Fredlund, B. H. Kimball, G. L. Keller, R. E. Olson, G. K. Swenson.

SECOND ROW: J. R. Showman, W. J. Spooner, H. N. Olson, E. A. Stalleop, M. J. Asplin, C. J. Richardson, E. H. Wilcox, A. L. Wilcox, M. L. LaFountain, L. W. Powell.

THIRD ROW: W. G. Donker, L. J. Michelson, G. W. Johnson, D. C. Sheppard, J. J. Garber, B. W. Ames, J. G. Downs, W. H. Koenig, J. V. Klobofski, R. D. Ripley.



# COMPANY M

## *Third Battalion*

### 163RD INFANTRY, CHINOOK, MONTANA

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . ELMER S. SHOWMAN  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . JOHN SPONENBURGH

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . ELMER M. GESELL

#### SERGEANTS

DOBBIE, EDWIN J.	DOWNES, JOHN G.
DOWEN, JOHN D.	KING, CARL H.
	SWENSON, GEORGE K.

#### CORPORALS

AMES, BOYD W.	KELLER, GEORGE L.
GARBER, JAMES J.	NEELY, WILLIAM J.
	PHIPPS, RUSSELL H.

#### PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

MICHELSON, LEROY J.	RICHARDSON, CECIL J.
MOLLER, REX L.	SHOWMAN, JOSEPH R.
OLSON, RALPH E.	SULLIVAN, NEIL J.
RIPLEY, ROBERT D.	WILCOX, ELLSWORTH H.

#### PRIVATE

ANDERSON, JAMES R.	BAKON, ALBERT
ASPLIN, MARK J.	CASTFEL, DONALD V.

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#### 81-MM MORTAR PLATOON

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICER

*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . WILLIAM T. RHEA

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

#### CORPORALS

ARROTTA, JAMES J.	LACOUNT, LAVERNE A.
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#### PRIVATE

DODGE, WILLIAM W.	OLSON, SELMAR I.
GUSTAFSON, ROBERT C.	PETERSON, WILLIAM E.
HIGGINS, ORVILLE A.	SALENKO, SAMUEL R.
JOSLIN, ROBERT R.	SCHOEL, CLEVE H.
KELLER, REECE J.	TORGERTSON, DONALD H.
MOHAR, FRED B.	TORGERTSON, KENNETH H.
	UPSHAW, JESSE W.



# .50 CALIBRE MACHINE GUN PLATOON COMPANY M

THIRD BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

HARLEM MONTANA



## SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: A. T. Perry, R. J. Gwaltney, S. McGuire, D. Stiffarm, D. K. Mummy, M. Mummy.

SECOND ROW: D. Soldier, J. W. Legge, B. W. McGuire, M. Johnson, I. Wright, E. Wilson, G. Birdwell.

THIRD ROW: M. C. Patterson, G. Hartman, G. T. O'Bryan, F. Delorme, F. B. Johnson, C. H. Schoel, F. F. Miller, A. Bakon.



## SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: R. C. Gustafson, S. I. Olson, W. W. Dodge, L. A. LaCount.

SECOND ROW: J. J. Arrotta, S. R. Salenko, W. E. Peterson, K. H. Torgerson, D. H. Torgerson.

## .50 CALIBRE MACHINE PLATOON

COMMISSIONED OFFICER

Second Lieutenant

JOHN J. KE...

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

SERGEANT

HARTMAN, GLENN

CORPORALS

MUMMEY, MELVIN

MUMMEY, DONALD K

PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

LEGGE, JOHN W.

O'BRYAN, GERALD T.

MILLER, FLOYD E.

PATTERSON, MARON C.

PRIVATES

BIRDWELL, GEORGE

HASPIPE, EDGAR P.

STIFFARM, DANIEL

DELORME, FRED

MCGINNIS, VERNER T.

WILSON, FIMER

GWALTNEY, ROBERT J.

PERRY, AARON T.

ZANDER, ROBERT

SOLDIER, DAVID



# 81-MILLIMETER MORTAR PLATOON COMPANY M

THIRD BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

BAINVILLE MONTANA



# COMPANY M

THIRD BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

CHINOOK, MONTANA



## .50 CALIBRE MACHINE GUN PLATOON COMPANY M

THIRD BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

HARLEM, MONTANA



## 81-MM MORTAR PLATOON COMPANY M

THIRD BATTALION

163RD INFANTRY

BAINVILLE, MONTANA



1. Machine Gun Fire, Company M.
2. Explanation on Stripping Pistol, 81-mm Mortar Platoon.
3. Machine Gun Nomenclature, .50 Calibre Machine Gun Platoon.
4. Map Instruction, 81-mm Mortar Platoon.
5. Firing Machine Gun, .50 Calibre Machine Gun Platoon.
6. Machine Gun Instruction, Company M.
7. Splint, 81-mm Mortar Platoon.
8. Moving Machine Gun by Hand, Company M.
9. Field Stripping, .50 Calibre Machine Gun Platoon.
10. Non-Commissioned Officers, Company M.





FELIX H. CRAGO  
Captain

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICER

*Captain* . . . . . FELIX H. CRAGO

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . HARRY B. JOHNSON

#### SERGEANTS

FREDRICK, MATT H.      ROBSON, JACK W.  
RINGLE, FRANCIS K.      ROTHWEILER, LEE

#### CORPORALS

ELLIOT, ROBERT S.      ROBERTSON, KENNETH E.

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

CANON, ALFRED H.      HASBROUCK, BERNARD D.  
COOPER, DON      HENRY, MALCUM M.  
DRUMMOND, CLYTON O.      JONES, WARREN R.  
FENTON, RONALD      LIND, JAMES D.  
GRENA, ALVIN J.      WOODAHL, JOHN G.

#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: H. B. Johnson, A. J. Grena, J. W. Robson, A. H. Canon, R. S. Elliot, A. M. Fleming, K. E. Roberson, L. Rothweiler.

SECOND ROW: H. G. Bruce, R. L. Haffner, D. V. Hinkle, T. O. Potter, D. Cooper, C. O. Swenson, R. F. Engle, C. O. Drummond.

THIRD ROW: J. G. Woodahl, C. Z. Blue, D. D. Phillips, R. H. Burkland, F. D. Dunn, W. R. Jones, F. D. Walker, M. M. Henry.

#### PRIVATES

BAIN, WILLIAM J.	FLEMING, ARTHUR M.
BARRIS, RICHARD J.	GOOD, ORVILLE H.
BEALE, HOWARD S.	HAFNER, ROBERT L.
BLUE, CLAYTON Z.	JENSEN, IRVIN J.
BRUCE, HERBERT G.	LANGDON, ROBERT A.
BURKLAND, ROBERT H.	MCCARTHY, JENNIE A.
DONOHUE, ROBERT S.	PHILLIPS, DONALD D.
DUNN, EDWARD D.	POTTER, THEODOR O.
DAER, ROSS N.	SWENSON, CARL O.
ENGLE, ROBERT F.	WALKER, FLOYD D.

#### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company D, 116th Medical Regiment, was first organized October 1, 1936, at Great Falls, Montana, as the 146th Ambulance Company, 41st Division, under the command

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# COMPANY D

## 116TH MEDICAL REGIMENT, GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

# COMPANY D

116TH MEDICAL REGIMENT

GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

1. Litter Drill.
2. Thomas Leg Splint.
3. First Aid.
4. Non-Commissioned Officers.
5. Recruit Instructions.





DAVID F. DeLAP  
Major, Commanding Second Battalion

## OFFICERS, 116TH QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT

(Montana Allotment)

Headquarters, Second Battalion, 116th Quartermaster Regiment, was organized during the summer of 1937 at Malta, Montana, under the command of First Lieutenant Delos W. McNutt. The unit was Federally recognized August 21, 1937, and attended its first field training camp at Fort Lewis, Washington, August, 1937. It has attended each training camp since that time.

On April 1, 1938, Major Floyd E. Gurnett, Plans and Training Officer, 163rd Infantry, was appointed Major,

Quartermaster Corps, and assigned to command the battalion, and First Lieutenant McNutt was relieved of command and assigned as Battalion Adjutant. Upon the resignation of Major Gurnett, December 29, 1939, Captain David F. DeLap, Service Company, 163rd Infantry, was promoted to Major, Quartermaster Corps, and assigned to command the battalion.

The station of battalion headquarters was changed from Malta to Bozeman in 1939.

J. RUSSELL LARGOMBE  
Captain, Company D



D. W. McNUTT  
First Lieutenant  
Adjutant, Second Battalion



CLARENCE E. BARTCH  
Second Lieutenant, Company D





#### SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH

FIRST ROW: H. P. McCandless, J. V. Vedopich, L. F. Bain, R. M. Bergsagel, J. H. Blevins, P. C. Jespersen, R. G. Thomson, W. T. Cockrell, W. C. Dove, L. S. Erdahl, L. O. Hoover, C. J. Lundstrom.

SECOND ROW: H. H. Mann, L. C. Mason, C. O. Mikkelson, V. L. Puckett, V. V. Verr, B. P. Pehlke, O. Starkey, J. M. Minnerath, C. F. Lind, W. H. Mayberry, J. P. Moberget, L. W. Castleman, B. P. Majusiak.

THIRD ROW: G. R. Hoynes, E. L. Humphreys, F. K. Martin, L. G. Martin, J. W. Crouch, H. M. Blevins, C. R. Moore, O. J. Mikelson, A. L. Berdan, R. R. Welch, R. D. Gadbaw, B. D. Hurley, C. E. McDonnell.

#### COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*Captain* . . . . . J. RUSSELL LARCOMBE  
*Second Lieutenant* . . . . . CLARENCE E. BARICH

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

*First Sergeant* . . . . . HOWARD P. MCCANDLESS

#### SERGEANTS

LAROCHE, LOUIE S.	MCDONNELL, CHARLES E.
MANN, HORACE H.	THOMPSON, RAYMOND G.
MASON, LOYD C.	VODOPICH, JOHN V.

#### CORPORALS

COCKRELL, WILLIAM T.	ERDAHL, LEO S.
DOVE, WILLIAM C.	HOOVER, LOWELL O.
	LUNDSTROM, CLIFFORD J.

#### PRIVATES FIRST CLASS

BERDAN, ALBERT E.	MIKKELSON, CLARENCE O.
BERDAN, FRANCIS E.	MOBERGET, JOHN P.
MAJUSIAK, BERNARD P.	MOORE, CHARLES R.
	SCHWARTZ, FRANCIS A.

#### PRIVATES

BAIN, LYNN F.	KIRKALDIE, GLENN W.
BERGSAGEL, RALPH M.	LIND, CLARENCE F.
BLEVINS, HOMER M.	MARTIN, FLOYD K.
BLEVINS, JOHN H.	MARTIN, LEO G.
CASTLEMAN, LAWRENCE W.	MAYBERRY, WILLIAM H.
CROUCH, JOHN W.	MINNERATH, JOHN M.
DEFLYER, LAWRENCE A.	MIKEISON, ORVILLE J.
DORE, SCOTT L.	PEHLKE, BERNARD P.
GADBOW, RAY D.	PUCKETT, VICTOR L.
HELLAND, DONALD D.	STARKEY, ORVIL
HOYNES, GEORGE R.	STINE, HARRY K.
HUMPHREYS, EDDIE L.	TANK, EDMUND A.
HURLEY, BYRON D.	VERT, VERNON V.
JESPERSEN, PHILLIP C.	WELCH, ROBERT R.

#### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company D, 116th Quartermaster Regiment, the newest of Montana's National Guard organizations, was mustered

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# COMPANY D

## 116TH QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT, MALTA, MONTANA

1. Non-Commissioned Officers.

2. Automatic Rifle.

3. Motorcycle Detail.

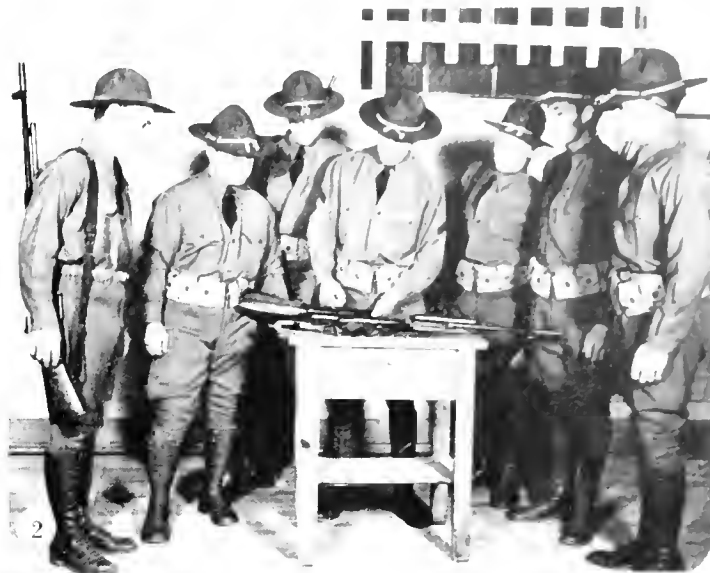
4. Truck Drivers.

5. Motor Instructions.

# COMPANY D

116TH QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT

MALTA MONTANA





B. A. SHIPP  
Major, Infantry, Senior Instructor



JAMES H. DRAKE  
Major, Infantry



## *Officers*

# I N S T R U C T O R S

## *Sergeants*

WALTER E. JORDAN  
First Sergeant



MAX H. TORBERT  
Staff Sergeant



# CONTINUATION OF HISTORIES

## STATE DETACHMENT

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### FACTUAL HISTORY

The State Detachment, Montana National Guard, was Federally recognized May 15, 1928, with an authorized strength of 22 enlisted men.

Purely an administrative unit, the Detachment is designed for the procurement of personnel and supplies. Its duties during the annual field training periods have been the procurement of supplies, operation of the motor pool and the payment of troops.

Although essentially a non-combatant unit, the Detachment did heroic duty during the disastrous earthquakes that hit Helena in the fall and early winter of 1935.

Present strength of the Detachment is 21. Major F. A. Lange, Q. M. C., is the Commander.

## BAND, 163RD INFANTRY

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combat troops, and five of its men were lost in action during the one year served.

In 1902, the Second Montana Infantry Band was organized, coming under the command of Band Master Sam Treloar in 1907. This was the famous Boston Montana Band, aided and supported by the rich mining interests of Butte.

The 163rd Infantry Band was first organized under the command of Band Master Paul Lancaster. Later, during the World War, when the Montana Regiment was broken up, the band under Alvin C. Draper was sent to Army Headquarters at Chaumont. For its service there, the band received a citation from the Government of France.

The present band was organized in 1922 in Bozeman. It is under the command of Warrant Officer John Fechter.

## MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 163RD INFANTRY

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Jump was the first Surgeon, and Captain Lloyd C. Anderson, the first Dental Officer.

Upon Captain Munch's resignation in July, 1927, the detachment was organized for a short time in Miles City, Montana, where it was under the command of Captain M. C. Pfunder from December 19, 1927, to November 5, 1930. Captain Pfunder's resignation became effective when he left the state, and the unit was transferred to Great Falls, Montana, and organized under the command of Captain Harris November 6, 1930.

In May, 1934, Captain Russell B. Richardson became Commander, serving until July 1, 1938, when he was assigned to the command of Company D, 116th Medical Regiment. The detachment was then transferred to Whitefish, Montana, and reorganized July 23, 1938, under Captain James W. Brown. Upon Captain Brown's resignation, August 2, 1939, Lieutenant Mark D. Holcomb became Commander.

Other officers of the Medical Department Detachment are Captain Paul L. Greene and Captain James M. Flinn.

## HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, FIRST BATTALION, 163RD INFANTRY

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Devore was promoted to Captain. In 1928, Captain Lowery was again in command with First Lieutenant Jewell L. Houx and Second Lieutenant Laurence Walker as junior officers. Later that year, Captain Lowery was promoted to Major and assigned as S-3 on the Regimental Staff; and First Lieutenant Houx assumed command of the unit. Lieutenant Walker was promoted to First Lieutenant and Commander in 1929, with Second Lieutenant Oscar Lofstrand as junior officer. Lieutenant Lofstrand was placed in command in 1932. In 1934, First Lieutenant William J. McMaster was appointed Commander, with Lieutenant Payne, made the present Commander in 1938, as junior officer.

## COMPANY C, FIRST BATTALION, 163RD INFANTRY

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### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company C, 163rd Infantry (Rifle), was first organized March 11, 1914, at Shelby, as part of the Second Montana. It was given its present designation May 1, 1922, in Bozeman.

As part of the Second Montana it served on the Mexican Border and in the World War.

The company has the distinction of having had as commanding officers two men who later became Commanders of the regiment and who also served as Adjutants General of the State of Montana: the late Colonel Erastus H. Williams, and Colonel Charles R. Sheridan, who won his D. S. C. in action.

Present officers of Company C are Captain Maurice E. Henderson, Commander, First Lieutenant James M. Buckland and Second Lieutenant Edward L. Reams.

## COMPANY D, FIRST BATTALION, 163RD INFANTRY

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### PRIVATES

BACON, LYNN E.  
BERRY, GEORGE C.  
BROOKS, HOWARD K.  
BURROWS, EARL L.  
CHAPMAN, VERN A.  
COX, CLIFFORD E.  
DORN, PARKER C.  
EGAN, ELLIS R.  
EGAN, PATRICK L.  
ELLIOTT, MILES E.  
ERBE, WILBUR V.  
GUNN, ROBERT B.  
HEIDE, JOHN E.  
HUNTER, HARRY  
HUTCHISON, BLAINE H.  
KEELER, HUBERT L.  
KINGHAM, JOE C.

LARSON, EDWARD A.  
LARSON, LARS H.  
MILLER, LARRY C.  
NEUHARTH, WILLIAM  
NISSEN, ELMER V.  
ORTWEIN, LARRY D.  
REYNOLDS, HUGH Z.  
RIGGS, RAY L.  
SHERBURN, LEON J.  
SHUMAKER, CHARLES W.  
SIPE, WILLIAM H.  
SIGVELAND, LEONARD  
SMART, DICK  
SMITH, SAMUEL B.  
SPERRY, RICHARD W.  
THOMPSON, JAMES C.  
THORSON, DEAN O.

TOOMBS, FRANCIS W.

## FACTUAL HISTORY

Company D, 163rd Infantry (Rifle), was first organized August, 1912, as Company D, Second Montana Infantry, which served in Mexican Border duty and overseas. It was given its present designation April 1, 1924, at Harlowton, Montana, under the leadership of Captain William L. Dysart, First Lieutenant Otto L. Schwarzrock and Second Lieutenant David E. Perkins.

Present officers are Captain Norris D. Langston, Commander, First Lieutenant Paul G. Hollister, and Second Lieutenant Delmon D. Perkins.

The unit attended its first encampment in June, 1924, near Helena, Montana, where rude camp conditions meant thorough and beneficial instruction for the new company.

Company D participated in a seven-day maneuver December 26, 1939, at Shawmut, Montana, where WPA barracks were used. The problem of supply during the maneuver was worked out entirely by the company officers.

The company has always been of material service to Harlowton and the surrounding community, furnishing men for patrol and parking duties during celebrations, for firing squads and for parades.

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### FIRST RIFLE PLATOON, COMPANY E, SECOND BATTALION, 163RD INFANTRY

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was reorganized, it joined the 163rd Infantry, at Culbertson, Montana, March 22, 1922.

Present officers of the company are Captain L. W. Moen, graduate with the last class from Benning Infantry School; Lieutenant W. W. Hill, second in command, and Lieutenant W. G. Evans, Commander of the Wolf Point Platoon.

One of the organizations that served in Butte during the 1914 trouble, Company E was mustered into Federal service in 1916, going first to the Mexican Border and then overseas. It returned to Montana and was mustered out in 1919.

On January 6, 1930, one platoon of the company was stationed in Wolf Point, where it has been ever since.

Records of inspections and trophies on display in the orderly room in one of the few new and modern armories in the state testify to the company's work.

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### COMPANY H, SECOND BATTALION, 163RD INFANTRY

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encampment in 1904 at Fort Ellis; attended its first large encampment in 1906 at American Lake, Washington. In 1915, the company entrained for Douglas, Arizona, for Mexican Border duty, remaining there until fall. Late in December, 1917, it went overseas and during the war served with other units of the 41st Division as a replacement unit. It returned to the United States in 1919.

Commanders of Company H have been Captain Andrew Swaney, Captain Eaton, Captain J. J. Snell (of the pre-war organization), and Captain E. M. Birely (1924-1938), Captain Roy R. Stewart (1938-1939). Captain Charles W. Hash is the present Commander.

Former Commander Birely is now Colonel, Commanding the 163rd Regiment.

Always an outstanding unit in the regiment, Company H has the distinction of winning three times out of four the Joseph E. Thomas Machine Gun Cup for Machine Gun Firing in Regimental Competition.

With the redesignation of the unit as a heavy weapons company, it became the only organization of its kind in the state with all of its organic platoons located in one city—Billings.

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The unit was under Lieutenant J. D. Working, its first Commander, until April 22, 1929, when it was transferred to Billings, Montana, under the command of Lieutenant Roy R. Stewart, assisted by Lieutenant Jack V. Hill (later succeeded by Lieutenants Carl N. Hoerr and Roal C. Larson). Lieutenant Stewart's advancement to Captain and assignment to the State Staff placed Lieutenant Roal C. Larson in command with Lieutenants W. N. Scott and Walter D. Skauge as assistants.

Under its last two Commanders, the unit has maintained an amateur radio station which has made contacts with short wave radio stations in every part of the world. Radio training has long been given much attention in company training, and many creditable amateur operators are listed on the company roster. The other communication functions of the unit, the Panel and Visual sections and the Telephone and Intelligence Groups, have always held a high rating, but the Radio section has been the most outstanding.

The detachment is commanded by Lieutenant Larson as a staff member of the Third Battalion, under Major Carl E. Anderson.

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### COMPANY I, THIRD BATTALION, 163RD INFANTRY

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## FACTUAL HISTORY

Company I, 163rd Infantry, was reorganized February 2, 1930, in Great Falls, by Captain Charles D. Dawley, now Major, P. & T. Officer for the 163rd Infantry. It was Federally recognized July 22, 1930, under the command of Captain Dawley, First Lieutenant Virgil R. Morris and Second Lieutenant William L. Jones. On its roster were 65 enlisted men, 27 of whom were ex-service men.

Since 1930, the unit's Commanders have been Captain Dawley (1930-1937), Captain Alfred E. Wissler (1937-1940), First Lieutenant Byron L. Dewing (1940) and First Lieutenant Bernard F. Sjaholm, M. A. C., the present Commander.

Company I has had constructed since 1935 what is considered by many to be the best outdoor rifle range in the state. It has held many records in state rifle and pistol marksmanship, winning, in 1935, the National Guard Bureau certificate for rifle marksmanship, the State Service Team matches in 1937 and 1938. It has had many representatives on the Montana team at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Now stationed in the \$2,500,000 Great Falls Civic Cen-

ter, constructed in 1939-1940, the unit has an active basketball and kittenball team entered in the Municipal League and has had organized, for the past three years, a civilian pistol and rifle team, in cooperation with the National Rifle Association.

Of the original organization, First Sergeant Harry J. Trodick has the most extensive military record, including service with the Second Montana on the Mexican Border and with the 163rd Infantry overseas.

Company I has as honorary members many of the Great Falls ex-service men who served with the regiment during the World War. To honor them, a reunion and dinner is given each year.

#### COMPANY K, THIRD BATTALION, 163RD INFANTRY

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KENT, OSCAR A.	ROBERTS, WILLIAM G.
MCINTOSH, DUNCAN W.	RAYMOND, IRA J.
NEEDHAM, DONALD J.	SCHAEFFER, THOMAS E.
NELSON, ARNOLD N.	SHORT, ROBERT L.
NELSON, PAUL E.	TAGUE, GILBERT E.
NEMEC, CHARLES F.	VALACH, JAMES S.
NEMEC, JOSEPH C.	WELDEN, ROBERT D.
PARK, CARL W.	WELLMAN, ROBERT C.
PIERCE, THOMAS A.	WENDT, FREDERICK V.
POOLE, DEANE W.	WILCOX, WALLACE W.
	WOOLLEY, ROBERT W.

### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company K, 163rd Infantry, was organized and Federally recognized September 18, 1923, in Lewistown, Montana, under the command of Captain E. K. Cheadle, Jr., now Executive Officer of the regiment.

Throughout the years, the Company has participated in the activities of the Montana National Guard and of late has developed a hobby for Rifle Marksmanship. Its rifle teams have won the Instructors' Rifle Trophy, the Colonel Charles E. Sheridan Trophy, the Southern Montana Rifle Trophy and the trophy for excellence in marksmanship for the state for the 1939 practice season.

Heavy Weapons Company, Third Battalion, 163rd Infantry, and given an additional unit, the 81-mm Mortar Platoon.

In November, 1924, the company was transferred to Harlem, Montana, where it remained until March 30, 1930, when one platoon was organized in Chinook, later to become the company's headquarters.

Although Company M has its platoons scattered in three towns, each platoon is housed in a new, modern armory. Company Headquarters and the .30 Calibre Machine Gun Platoon are in Chinook; the .50 Calibre Anti-Tank Machine Gun Platoon, in Harlem, and the 81-mm Mortar Platoon, in Bainville.

Present officers of the company are Captain Elmer S. Showman and Lieutenants John James Kelly, John Sponenburg and William T. Rhea.

Company M saw service on the Mexican Border and in the World War.

#### COMPANY D, 116TH MEDICAL REGIMENT

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of Captain Russell B. Richardson. It became Company D January 1, 1937.

Captain Richardson was the only officer with the company until November 25, 1938, when Lieutenant B. F. Sjaholm was transferred from the Reserve Corps and assigned as assistant to Captain Richardson.

First encampment for the unit was at Fort Lewis, Washington, in 1937. In 1938 and 1939, the company attended Camp Ayers, along with the other units of the Montana National Guard, and while in camp was part of the provisional Motor Battalion under the command of Major F. C. Gurnett, 116th Quartermaster Regiment.

The company is now housed in the new Civic Center with an authorized strength of two officers and 45 men, under the command of Captain Felix H. Crago.

#### COMPANY D, 116TH QUARTERMASTER REGIMENT

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in April 17, 1937, at Malta, Montana, by Major William O. Poindexter, United States Army.

The only unit of its regiment stationed in Montana. Company D has an authorized strength of two officers and 48 enlisted men. Present officers are Captain J. Russell Larcombe, Commander, and Second Lieutenant Clarence E. Bartch.

Previous officers have been Second Lieutenant D. W. McNutt, who was promoted to First Lieutenant and made Adjutant of the Second Battalion, 116th Quartermaster Regiment; Second Lieutenant Vincent J. Moore, and Second Lieutenant Howard P. McCandless, who is the present First Sergeant. The original First Sergeant was Auburn S. Coe.

The unit's Battalion Headquarters is in Montana under the command of Major David F. DeLap. Regimental Headquarters is in Seattle, Washington, under the command of Colonel Orlo W. Brown, who organized the Washington units of the regiments in 1937. Lieutenant Colonel Fred W. Roecker, Walla Walla, Washington, newspaperman, is the regiment's Executive Officer.

#### COMPANY M, THIRD BATTALION, 163RD INFANTRY

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DECELLES, AUGUST M.	MCGUINN, LEO R.
DELOME, EDWIN J.	MCGUIRE, STONEWALL
DEMING, CURTIS	MCGUIRE, BERNARD W.
DONKER, WALLACE G.	MICHELSON, MARVIN O.
FREDLUND, WILLIS J.	MORRISON, ROBERT D.
JOHNSON, GEORGE W.	MOSSER, NORMAN E.
JOHNSON, MARTIN	NEUMILLER, ARNOLD F.
KELLY, LLOYD	OLSON, HARRY N.
KIMBALL, BILL H.	POWELL, LAWRENCE W.
KLOBESKI, JOHN V.	SHEPPARD, DOUGLAS C.
KOENIG, WARREN H.	SHEPPARD, WILLIAM M.
LAFOUNTAIN, MARTIN L.	SPOONER, WILLIAM J.
LAUNDRY, MAURICE T.	STALCOP, EMMETT A.
LOWE, CLARENCE W.	TEELA, ROBERT D.
MCCAULEY, ANGUS	WILCOX, ARTHUR L.
MCGILL, PAUL W.	WILLIAMS, ASA J.
	WRIGHT, IRVIN

### FACTUAL HISTORY

Company M, 163rd Infantry (Rifle), was first organized November 30, 1913, as Company M, Second Montana Infantry. It joined the 163rd Infantry in Lewistown, January 21, 1924. In the spring of 1940 it was redesignated a

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officer's pay and shall be turned over to the Treasurer of the Association at the annual encampment, and if any officer does not attend camp in any one year and receives no pay, if said officer does not voluntarily pay said dues that year, his dues shall be collected at the next annual encampment where he is in attendance and receives pay for the year or years for which he has not paid dues.

Section II. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1st to June 30th each year.

Section III. Officers. The officers of the Association shall be: President; Vice-President; Secretary-Treasurer; four (4) Directors, to comprise the Executive Committee.

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HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, SECOND BATTALION,  
163RD INFANTRY  
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ember, 1939, when Lieutenant Forsyth was promoted to Captain and assigned to the 41st Division Staff. Lieutenant Mitchell was promoted and became Company Commander, and later, as Captain, was assigned to the Regimental Staff as S-4. The new Commander was First Lieutenant Rolland E. Hall, promoted from Staff Sergeant and Second Lieutenant. Lieutenant William T. Rhea was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Lieutenant Hall's promotion.

Sixteen men were transferred to Company M and designated as the 81-mm. Mortar Platoon, under the command of Second Lieutenant Rhea, when the unit was redesignated as a detachment.

The detachment is housed in the Bainville, Montana, Armory.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD  
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By 1924 the strength of the regiment had been built up to its full peacetime requirement of 1,200 men—another striking example of reorganization and of interest in the National Guard in Montana.

Colonel Williams, assuming the post of Adjutant General on the first Monday in January, 1924, worked untiringly on behalf of the Guard. During his 12 years of service he never missed an encampment at the National Guard grounds near Fort Harrison and worked continuously to improve the training facilities.

He added to the 163rd Infantry Company D of the 116th Medical Regiment at Great Falls and for many years carried a double load, for he was Commanding Officer of the 163rd as well as the Adjutant General. He died suddenly February 13, 1937, and left the State in deep mourning for a gallant soldier and painstaking executive who carried always the best interests of the Montana National Guard close to his heart.

He was succeeded on February 15, 1937, by Adjutant General John W. Mahan of Helena, who thus became

the third member of old Company A of the Second Montana to hold that post.

The period of the last three years has been one of sweeping changes and rapid development of the 163rd Infantry, climaxed in September, 1940, by the call to Federal service for a year's training at Camp Murray, Washington. Growth has also been exceptional and the personnel was increased from 1,200 officers and men to 1,700 who left in September for duty.

Adjutant General Mahan brought one new company into the regiment, Company D of the 116th Quartermaster Regiment at Malta. He also added the First Battalion Headquarters of the 116th Quartermaster Regiment at Malta.

Activity looking toward the construction of a new recreation hall at the National Guard camp near Fort Harrison was also started and the project completed early in 1940, giving Montana's National Guardsmen one of the most beautifully constructed and practical recreation centers in the country.

## ARMORY PROGRAM

Another problem was attacked with vigor. War Department representatives on their annual inspections of the Montana Guard found that troops in this State were forced to put up with the poorest drill rooms and storage facilities in the United States. Some drill halls were so cramped that there was hardly room for the men to obey the command of "shoulder arms." Regimental Headquarters Company of Helena, since earthquakes had destroyed its armory in 1935, was forced to drill in the basement of the State Capitol, and there was many another unit in the State which found it nearly impossible to perform close-order drill simply because there wasn't room.

To remedy this situation the Montana Legislature in 1939 enacted a law creating the Montana Armory Board of five members with the power to issue and sell bonds for the construction in this State of drill halls and armories. To date a total of \$225,000 in bonds has been disposed of and armory projects are scheduled for Helena, Bozeman, Billings, Harlowton, Poplar, Kalispell and Glasgow with the Armory Board, through the sale of bonds, paying the sponsor's share, and the Works Projects Administration constructing the buildings. The armory at Helena is already under construction.

Members of the Armory Board are Major John A. Stagg, Judge Advocate General Reserve, Anaconda; Captain Nelson Story, III, Regimental Adjutant, 163rd

Infantry, Bozeman; Captain H. M. Morris, Commander of Company L, Billings; Captain E. F. Bullock, State Staff, Lewistown; and Captain E. Russell Larcombe, Company D, 116th Quartermaster Regiment, Malta. They serve without compensation.

Regimental Commander of the 163rd Infantry is Colonel E. M. Bireley of Billings. He was a cadet at West Point for one and one-half years and was a Second Lieutenant with Troop A of the Second Montana Cavalry on the Mexican Border in 1916. During the World War he was an artillery Captain and compiled an enviable war record. He organized Company H at Billings and has won promotions which carried him from Captain to Colonel under Adjutant General Mahan.

### 1940 CALL TO SERVICE

The swirl of grim world events abroad, making it necessary for the United States to take new and important defense steps, again caught the Montana National Guard in 1940, and on the President's call for a year's active training for National Guardsmen of the United States, the Montana outfits were inducted into Federal service September 16, 1940—just 42 years after those stirring days in 1898-99 when Montana volunteers went into the Federal service for the first time. The call on September 16 was the fourth time Montana's volunteer forces had been inducted into the Federal service.

Men of the 163rd Infantry were called to their home stations for a week of conditioning and for physical examinations and departed on September 21 and 22

for Camp Murray, Washington, for their year's training period. Their training at Camp Murray began officially September 23, 1940.

Lieutenant Colonel E. K. Cheadle, Jr., of Shelby is Executive Officer of the regiment and second in command. Lieutenant Colonel Archie P. Poore of Livingston commands the First Battalion; Lieutenant Colonel Carl E. Hammerness of Glasgow commands the Second Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Charles R. Dawley of Great Falls commands the Third Battalion.

As in the past, members of the 163rd Infantry were feted throughout the State as they were ready to depart for service, and torch-light parades, dances and banquets in their honor were held at nearly every home station.

And so the 163rd Infantry, 1,700 strong this time, is once more in Federal duty but National Guard growth in Montana will not stop this time. Chief of Staff George C. Marshall has already indicated that he expects to authorize institution in Montana of four batteries and a battalion headquarters unit of the coast artillery, anti-aircraft, as soon as cavalry units have been converted. This outfit, as contemplated, would not be a part of the 41st Division.

The omnibus trend of world events today cannot be foretold. Where they may lead to no one knows. But the people of Montana know this: that no matter what may come, the gallant volunteer forces of the Treasure State, with a record of brilliant service going back to 1869 behind them, will stand ever willing and ready to do their part.



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